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EIRE A.A. BATTERIES IN ACTION

An unidentified aircraft flew over Dublin Bay at about noon yesterday and was fired on by the ground defences.

The Eire Government Information Bureau issued a statement to this effect yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

Vichy's Present To Hitler

Dr. Fritz Thyssen, the well-known German industrialist, was among a group of political refugees living in the south of France recently handed over to the Germans by the Vichy authorities under the armistice terms.

This is according to French circles in close touch with Vichy. Dr. Thyssen is stated to have been transferred from Cannes to a German "sanatorium."—Reuter.

MENZIES TO CALL IN U.S.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS VISIT TO BRITAIN, WHICH IS ENDING SHORTLY, THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIER, MR. R. G. MENZIES, WILL POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO FULFIL HIS HOPE OF CALLING IN AMERICA EN ROUTE HOME.

Australia has many problems in common with the United States, and Mr. Menzies could discuss with President Roosevelt questions like shipping and bases.

Mr. Menzies' stay in Britain has been highly valuable not only to Australia but to members of the War Cabinet, of which he has been a member during his visit.—Reuter.



HOUSE OF COMMONS AIR RAID DAMAGE. In a recent raid on London the House of Commons was damaged. Photo shows view from the Members Cloakroom showing the damaged Cloisters Court.

Mr. Kwai Hopes SEIZURE OF FRENCH VESSEL

Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, first Japanese Minister to Australia, presenting his credentials to the Governor-General yesterday, said Japan desired that the long friendship between Japan and Australia would be maintained and cultivated to the utmost.

Lord Gowrie, replying, hoped Mr. Kawai's appointment, following the appointment of an Australian Minister to Japan, would promote mutual understanding.

Lord Gowrie added that the exchange of Ministers was most significant in the light of common interest in amicable relations in the Pacific.—Reuter.

INDIAN EXPORTS DECISION

The Government of India has decided, with effect from a date to be announced shortly, that exports from India to destinations outside the Empire should be permitted only conditionally that the goods concerned are not insured against marine and war risks with enemy companies.—Reuter.

GERMAN RAID CASUALTIES

The Berlin evening papers stated yesterday that 26 were killed and 28 injured as a result of the R.A.F. raid on Berlin on Wednesday night.—Reuter.

WHOLE BATTALIONS OF MUSSOLINI'S TROOPS WERE WIPE OUT WHEN THE ITALIANS RESUMED THE OFFENSIVE ALONG A 17-MILE FRONT IN ALBANIA, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT MADE OVER ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

Fresh Italian troops brought from Italy were thrown into the battle, and the Italian attacks were repeated and violent.

The action began with a heavy artillery bombardment and many Italian planes participated.

The first Italian onslaught was exceptionally fierce but failed completely.

The Italians then brought up more reserves and made further attacks.

These also failed under the withering fire of the Greeks, who dealt destruction to the advancing enemy.

AT MANY POINTS, AS SOON AS THE ITALIANS WERE REPULSED, THE GREEKS PURSUED THEM AND DROVE THEM FROM THE POSITIONS TO WHICH THEY HAD FALLEN BACK.—REUTER.

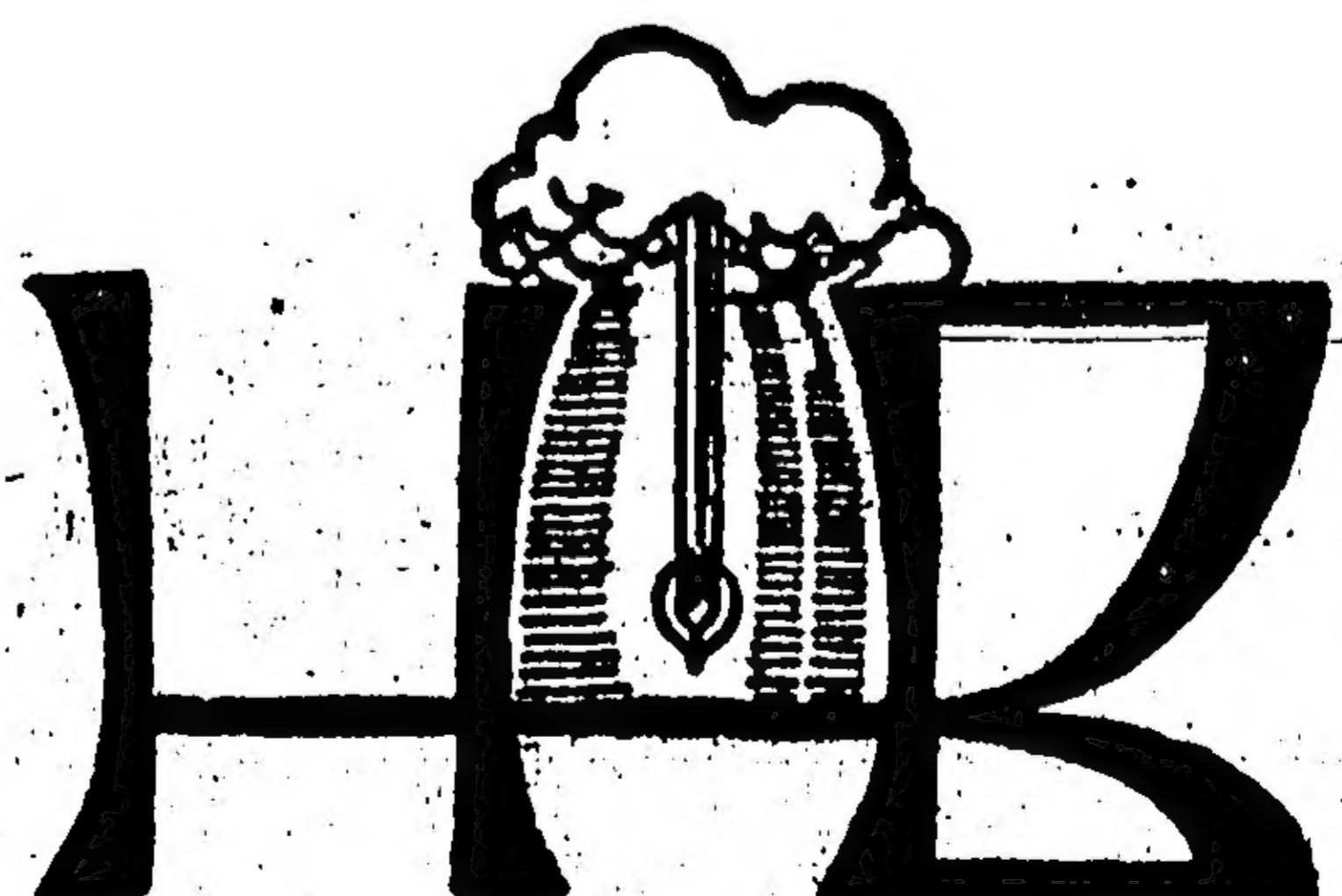
PETAIN HAS GOOD NEWS

"IT IS NOT OFTEN THAT I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE GOOD NEWS," SAID MARSHAL PETAIN, BROADCASTING TO THE FRENCH PEOPLE FROM VICHY YESTERDAY, "BUT HERE IS ONE SUCH OCCASION."

He then announced the beginning of old age pensions, which will amount to 3,600 francs a year in the provinces and 5,200 francs in the Paris region for those over 60.

About 1,300,000 persons will probably be affected.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

SOMALILAND CAMPAIGN ENDING

Capture Or Surrender Of Last Italian Remnants

12 GIRLS FORM FIRE BRIGADE

Twelve girls have formed a fire brigade in the Yorkshire village of Leeming Bar.

Most of the men in the village are engaged on A.R.P. and Home Guard duties, but an A.R.P. warden found time to train the girls, who include typists, clerks, domestic servants, factory employees and a shop assistant.

Their ages range from sixteen to twenty-four, and all are eagerly waiting their chance to show what they can do.

Twenty-two-year-old Mary Capell, granddaughter of Mrs. A. E. King, the local innkeeper, told a reporter: "Mr. Fred Jackson, of Milburn-terace, Leeming Bar, was the founder and trainer of our squad. He is delighted with our progress."

"We held dances to raise funds for equipment and uniform. Mothers and fathers who have never been to a dance for years came along."

"The nearest men's fire brigade is at Bedale, two miles away. They might be busy so we want to be able to deal with an emergency in our village."

Another member, Miss Betty Banks, twenty-two, railway clerk, said: "We have not quite decided on the style of the uniform, but it may be the trouser type of overall with a tin hat."

Abyssinian Operations Proceeding

BRITISH OPERATIONS IN ABYSSINIA CONTINUE ACCORDING TO PLAN, WHILE MOPPING UP OPERATIONS IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND ARE RAPIDLY ENDING WITH THE CAPTURE OR SURRENDER OF THE LAST REMNANTS OF THE ENEMY.

These latest developments are contained in an official communiqué issued in Nairobi yesterday, which adds:

"Since the advent of the topees and slouch hats of the Imperial troops, which are now a familiar feature in Italian Somaliland, as they were in Kenya, fresh confidence has been installed in many native inhabitants and conditions throughout the occupied territory are rapidly becoming normal."

Meanwhile R.A.F. fighters and bombers continue to punish the Italian armies in Albania and Africa with remarkably few losses. Here are the highlights of their latest activities as recorded by the R.A.F. Middle East communiqué:

Libya.—The naval basin and main quay of Tripoli were heavily raided on Wednesday night. Bombs fell along the entire length of the quayside, causing fires and very large explosions near the lighthouse. A road junction and military buildings east of Tripoli were bombed.

Keren Raids

Eritrea.—Motor transport, troops, gun positions, and railway and road bridges were bombed and machine-gunned around the Italian fortress of Keren.

Abyssinia.—The South African Air Force continued to give support to the advancing British troops.

Albania.—Sesseno Island, off Valona aerodrome was bombed on Wednesday night and considerable damage done.—Reuter.

GENERAL FIRMNESS ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was very quiet yesterday but generally firm except for industrials, where sentiment was adversely affected by reduced cement dividends, which caused sharp declines in the shares concerned. Home rails met with further provincial enquiry while Brazilians were again supported. Oils were idle as were Kaffirs, apart from early Cape buying. Wall Street was quietly steady.—Reuter.

NURSE'S RESCUE AS BOMBS FELL

A. R. P. Nurse Ivy Marsh rescued a wounded police officer from beneath wreckage and attended his wounds as bombs were crashing about her in an East Midland town.

Presenting Miss Marsh with a gold watch, the Chief Constable said, "The police wish to mark your gallantry and courage."

Before rescuing the officer, Miss Marsh was buried by debris when a bomb wrecked the building occupied by her unit. She was stunned by the explosion, but crawled unhurt from the wreckage and carried on.

TWO-OCEAN NAVY BILL ENDORSED

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed, and the Senate endorsed, a Bill for \$34,000,000,000 to help finance a United States two-ocean navy.

Funds for building six battle-cruisers of a new type are provided in the Bill.—Reuter.

NO-GLAMOUR GIRL IS STAR

This is an "I remember when . . ." story. Four years ago, in a barn theatre in a little Surrey town, a bunch of hard-working youngsters were running their own repertory company.

They had just come down from dramatic academy and because they could not find producers with enough faith to give them their chance, they had banded together to try to earn their own living.

They had no business management, precious little capital. Ringleader was a girl.

About five-foot-nothing, with an elfish, eager little face and a shock of untidy hair. She produced all the shows, played the principal part in most of them. Her name was Mary Morris. She was just nineteen.

Leslie's Promise

Now Mary Morris has been given a contract any film girl would be proud to sign—to play lead opposite Leslie Howard in a film "Pimpernel Smith." And no one was more surprised than Mary.

"I'd heard a lot about Mary Morris," Leslie Howard told a reporter, "but I never met her till last week."

"People who knew I was hunting for a leading lady kept mentioning her name and then spoiling it all by saying things like: 'But you wouldn't like her,' or 'She isn't the type,' or 'She's the fast person in the world for you.'

"We've had to change the script to suit her personality. Originally the part was designed for a glamour girl.

"But I think I can promise an unusual kind of love story."

BURNED RICHES SHE HID IN GRATE

Fearing burglars, a jeweller's widow placed her jewellery and £128 in notes in the grate of her flat "for safety" and covered it with firewood.

When she returned in the evening she forgot the valuables and lit the fire. The money and most of the jewellery, including a £350 pearl necklace, were reduced to ashes.

In the King's Bench Division she claimed that the loss was covered by a fire insurance policy.

"If a cook left a turkey in the oven too long and it was burned to a cinder, there could be no claim," replied Mr. H. D. Samuels, K.C., for the underwriter who contested the claim. Where damage was done by fire in the place where fire was intended to be, he submitted, such fire was not covered by an insurance policy.

Became Nervous

Mrs. Flora Harris, of Chartfield Avenue, Putney, S.W., widow of the late chairman of Mappin and Webb, Ltd., claimed from Mr. Kenneth Gordon Poland, a Lloyd's underwriter.

Mr. M. Berryman, for Mrs. Harris, said there had been an attempted burglary at the flat. That was why Mrs. Harris became nervous.

"She lit the fire and went to bed in complete ignorance of what she had done," he added, saying she did not remember it until next morning.

Mr. Samuels said there was no suggestion that the claim was other than perfectly honest.

Mr. Justice Atkinson reserved judgment.

TENANTS PAY GUARD

Landlords and tenants are arguing about the Government's plan to appoint fire bomb fighters on all substantial buildings.

Some tenants have decided to leave roof-top watching to the landlord. They say it is his building and he should be responsible.

Landlords have rejected the responsibility and suggested that the tenants should take it in turns to guard the roof against incendiaries.

The order just made under the Defence Regulations by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, provides that a fire-bomb fighter be present on premises in which more than thirty persons work, and states that the occupiers of the premises are responsible for this.

A solution has been reached in some instances. The landlord pays half the wages of a fire-bomb fighter and the tenants pay the other half among them.



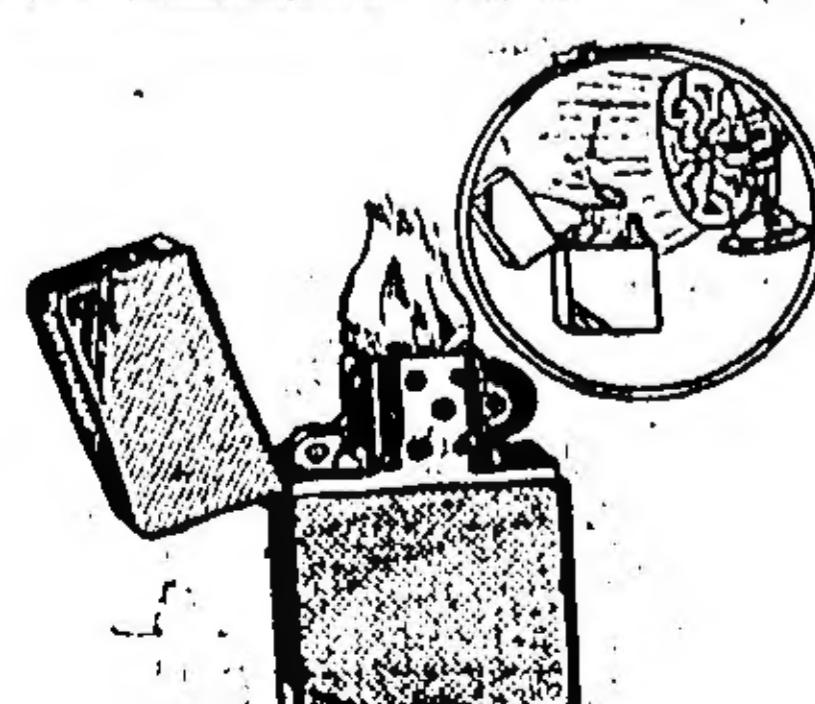
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UNITED STATES STARTS NEW AID TO BRITAIN

First War Material On The Way

SOME OF THE DEFENCE MATERIAL TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE UNITED STATES TO BRITAIN HAS ALREADY STARTED FOR ITS DESTINATION.

Mr. Henry Stimson, Secretary for War, announcing this in Washington yesterday, said he did not give details as he thought premature disclosure would be unfair to Britain.

President Roosevelt will tell the American people over a radio network this evening how he will use the great powers entrusted to him under the Lease and Lend Act.

"PERFECT WOMAN" RULES A SHELTER

Mrs. Maggie Pritchard, a labourer's wife, was so lavish in her praise when she telephoned about the "perfect woman" she had found, that a reporter went to investigate.

The paragon is Nurse Rose, christened Victorine and inevitably renamed Mary.

She looks after the people who use a shelter below St. Anne's Church, Seaton Place, in the borough of St. Pancras, London.

Life in the shelter had been miserable.

It was freezing cold in the refuge, and the shelterers never had anything to eat in the evenings except cold food. Nurse Rose came, and soon there were warm stoves, a kitchen and hot drinks for everyone.

Nurse Rose inspires confidence and affection. Five-foot-nothing, and with what the fashion advertisements term a "matron's figure" she is kind and gentle and yet ready for any emergency.

A couple of nights ago she heaved out single-handed half-a-dozen muscular, drunken rowdies who were disturbing the peace of the shelter and molesting women sleepers.

"Maggie has been much too kind," said Nurse Rose. "The real 'key' woman here is Dr. Eleanor Thistlethwaite, my chief, who has just been appointed 'Shelter Doctor.'

"Now there's a woman for you. Working sixteen hours a day, and often longer. She gets things done."

It's perfectly true that the folk here were almost freezing to death. Mrs. Pritchard's only baby was taken to hospital three weeks ago with bronchitis and is still there.

"Common sense . . . that's all there is to it. And don't wait for red tape to be untangled, or you'll never get anywhere," the officer continued.

"These people deserve the best. I only try to see that they get it within the limited means at my disposal."

The President will be speaking at the annual dinner of the White House Correspondents' Association.

Other guests will be the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, Mr. Wendell Willkie, members of the Cabinet and the Diplomatic Corps.

There has been no decision as regards transferring additional naval craft to Britain, declared President Roosevelt at his press conference yesterday. Reports of transferring 100 naval craft were inaccurate.

Food Supplies

NO CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO TYPES OR NUMBERS OF SHIPS, THOUGH THAT DID NOT MEAN THAT SOME WAR VESSELS MIGHT NOT BE TRANSFERRED IN FUTURE.

The President indicated that the Government intended to proceed cautiously over the question of supplying food to German-occupied European countries.

If the United States provided food there should be a certainty that none could go outside the country being helped.

They should be clear on the facts concerning the food situation in Europe before reaching conclusions.—Reuter.

CLOTHES LOCKED UP, GIRL FLED DOWN LADDER

A GIRL whose father kept her indoors and locked up her clothes to prevent her meeting a soldier escaped by climbing out of her bedroom window by means of a ladder.

This was stated at Clerkenwell (London) Police Court, when the girl, Elsie Fisher, eighteen, of Chapel Street, Bolton Old Road, Atherton, Lancs, who wore trousers, pleaded guilty to travelling on the railway without paying her fare.

Detective-Sergeant Tester said the girl was found on an express train at Euston without a ticket. She had only a few shillings, and said she had run away from home. She was daughter of a Mr. William Fisher.

She had been keeping company with a soldier, but he was regarded by her father as an undesirable friend.

To prevent the girl from meeting the soldier, Mr. Fisher kept her indoors, and locked up her clothes.

"On Saturday night she had a few words with her father, and told him she would leave home," the officer continued.

"Fled During Night" "Next morning it was found that she had climbed out of her



POLAND FIGHTS ON. Polish troops, cooperating with the British forces, have shared the fighting and victories in the Western Desert. Photo shows a Polish column—note mule drawn anti-tank guns.

NAZI COLONIAL PLAN IN NORWAY

NAZI PLANS TO TREAT Norway as a German colony are confirmed by reports received from Oslo, the Norwegian telegraph agency in London declared yesterday.

REBUILDING "TEST CASE"—COVENTRY

Coventry will be a "test case," so far as the difficulties which will arise in rebuilding bombed areas are concerned.

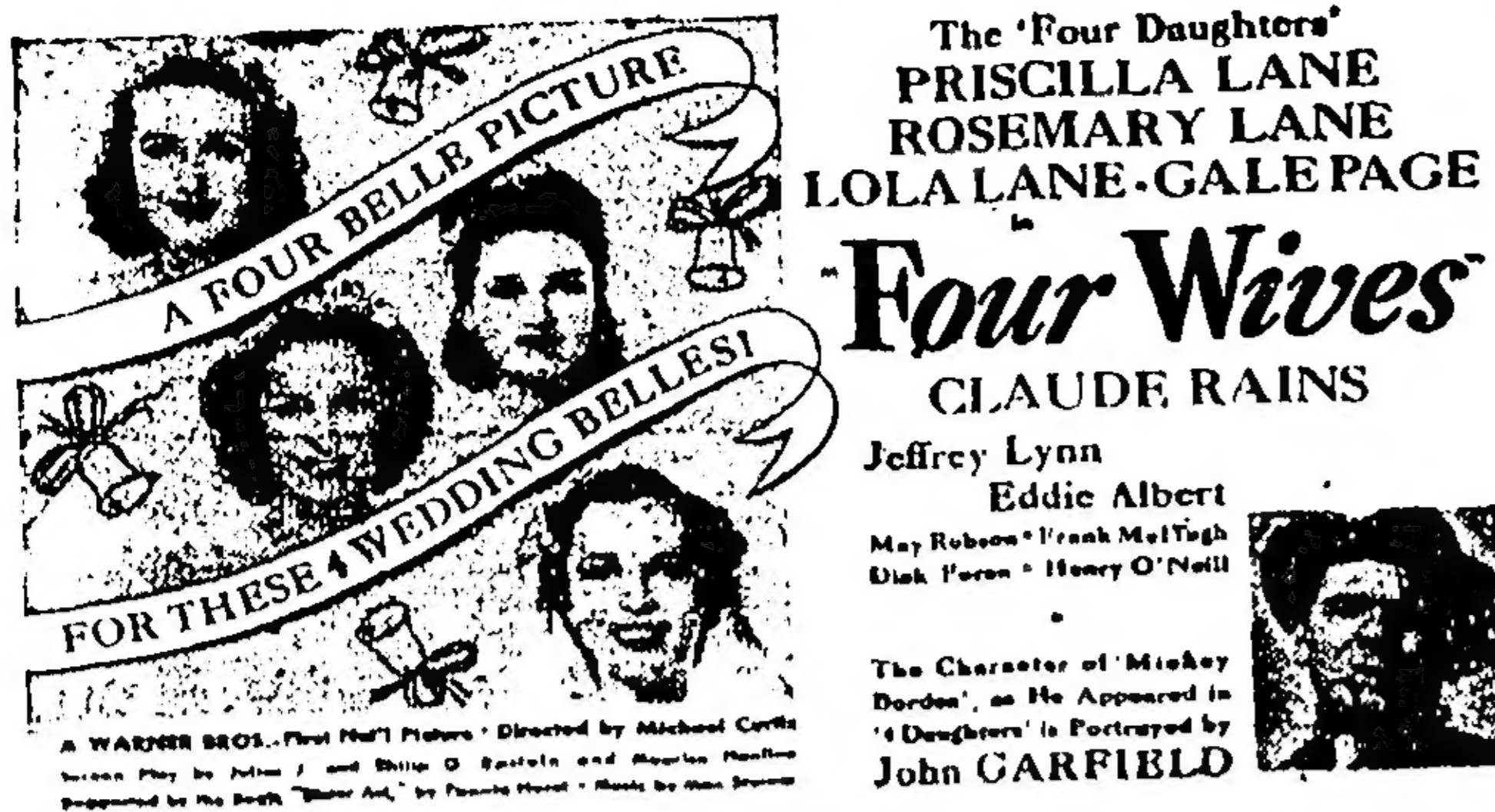
The suggestion was made by the Minister of Works and Buildings, Lord Reith, when he discussed the rebuilding of the city with its re-development committee.

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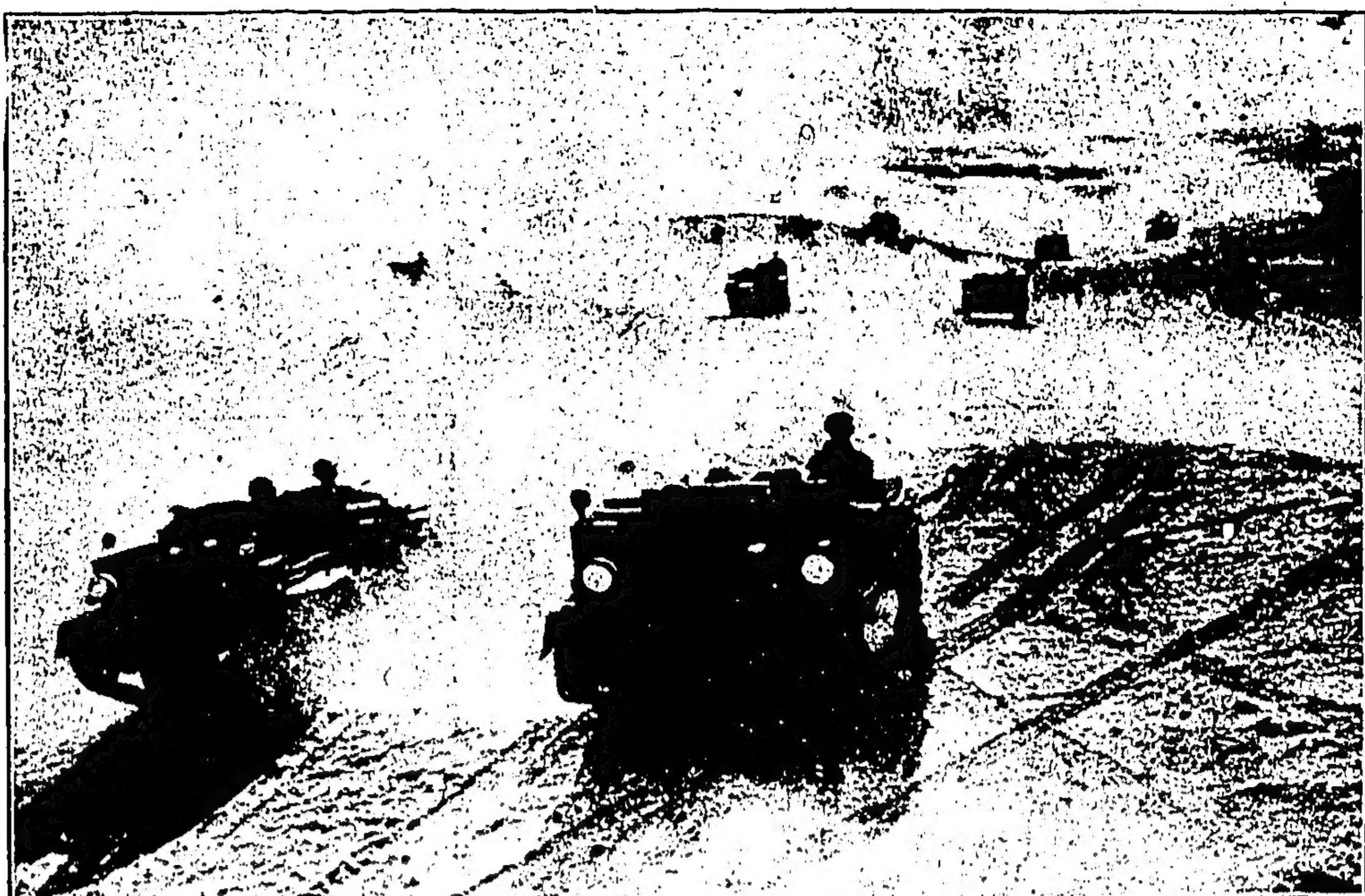
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Officer Was Chased Round A Seaport

AFTER AN exciting chase round Dover, a young Army officer who had broken away from an escort was taken back to barracks in a truck by a superior officer, it was stated at Chelsea court martial.

Second Lieutenant James Peter Lee, twenty-three, Royal Fusiliers, faced fifteen charges. Seven of them alleged that Lee behaved in a "scandalous manner unbecoming an officer and a gentleman" in giving cheques knowing he had not the funds to meet them, and alternative charges alleged "conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline" in failing to ensure that he had sufficient funds at the bank.

The total sum involved was £30. It was stated that all the cheques had been met.

Lee was also accused of absenting himself without leave while orderly officer, escaping when under arrest, and breaking away from an escort.

He pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Dealing with the charges relating to Lee's arrest, the prosecuting officer said that a second lieutenant told Lee he was to return with him under escort.

Lee succeeded in giving him the slip and there was a certain amount of running about Dover. Some hours later Lee was brought in and again the second lieutenant was there to take him to barracks.

After making one or two pretences Lee again broke away from the second lieutenant and had to be caught a second time.

Wife Feared Shooting

Captain Edwin Hyde, who was acting adjutant, told how, as Lee failed to report for duty, he instructed Second Lieutenant Highgate to go to an hotel and escort him to barracks. Captain Hyde went to the hotel himself. Lee was brought back by two naval policemen. Captain Hyde took him to barracks in a truck.

Lieutenant Robert Highgate said that at the hotel Lee went out of the room as his wife was asking witness questions.

Afterwards he saw Lee get out of a car with his wife. He told Lee to come with him and took his revolver.

"Just as we got to the door he broke away from me and rushed in the direction of Dover Harbour," added Lieutenant Highgate. "I followed him and ordered him, at the top of my voice, to stop. Mrs. Lee grasped my elbow because I had his revolver in my hand and she

thought I was going to shoot him."

Lee in evidence said he could remember nothing about being absent when he should have been duty officer.

His wife had been in Dover since the beginning of September and was staying at the Esplanade Hotel. It was not her fault that he stayed out. He did not remember dining with her that night.

"I do remember having a feeling of being hunted," he said.

Not Ready For Marriage

Dr. Felix Brown, Registrar in Psychological Medicine at Guy's Hospital, in a report of an examination of Lee, stated that, failing hospital treatment, work as a farm labourer for six months would be most suitable for him.

There was extreme instability both of up-bringing and constitution. "The marriage has probably been the prime difficulty," he added. "I should say that emotionally he was not ready for the responsibilities of marriage."

Lee was not certifiably insane. He was unstable and irresponsible. The trial was adjourned.

3 MORE GEORGE CROSSES WON

The award of three George Crosses and four George Medals to naval officers was announced in the "London Gazette."

The George Cross, "or great gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty," is awarded to Temporary Lieutenant Robert S. Armitage, R.N.V.R. Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.) Richard V. Moore, R.N.V.R., and Probationary Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.) John H. Babington, R.N.V.R.

The George Medal, "for gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty," is awarded to Lieutenant-Commander (Acting Commander) Edward O. Obbärd, D.S.C., R.N., Lieutenant Donald W. Spears, R.N.R., Probationary Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.) John Bridge, R.N.V.R., and Probationary Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.) Peter D. Friend, R.N.V.R.

R.A.F. GET "SOFT"

There is a village "somewhere in the North" where R.A.F. men are so well looked after by the local mothers and girls, that the C.O. has complained.

"The villagers out of kindness, give the men so much to eat that they are becoming fat and unfit," he told a reporter.

"The girls of the house actually clean the men's buttons and boots, and I am afraid that if this sort of thing goes on the men will be getting soft."

One of the girls said. "The men are out on duty all day and are working for our protection."

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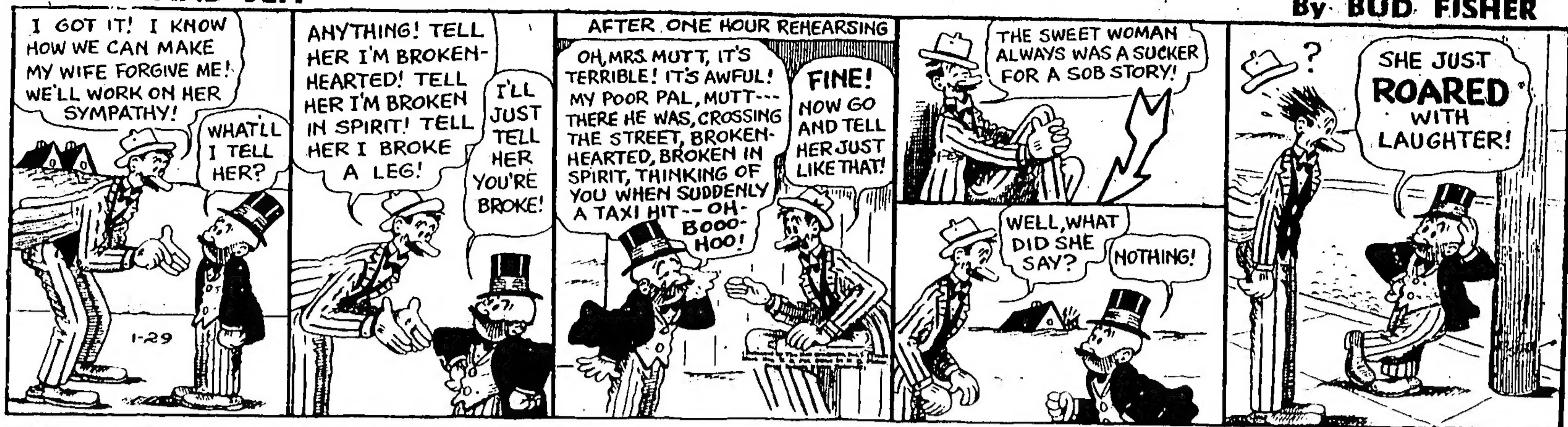
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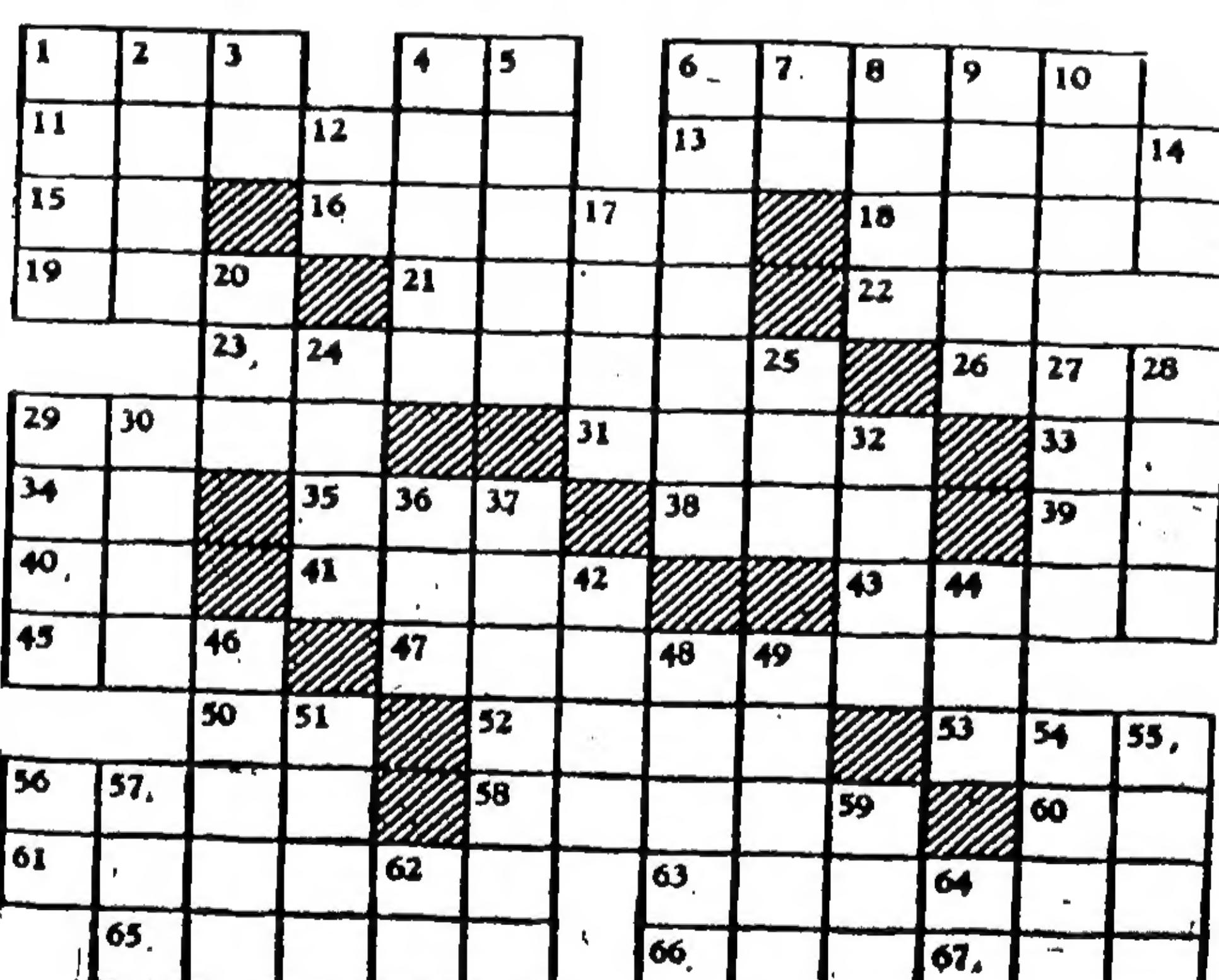
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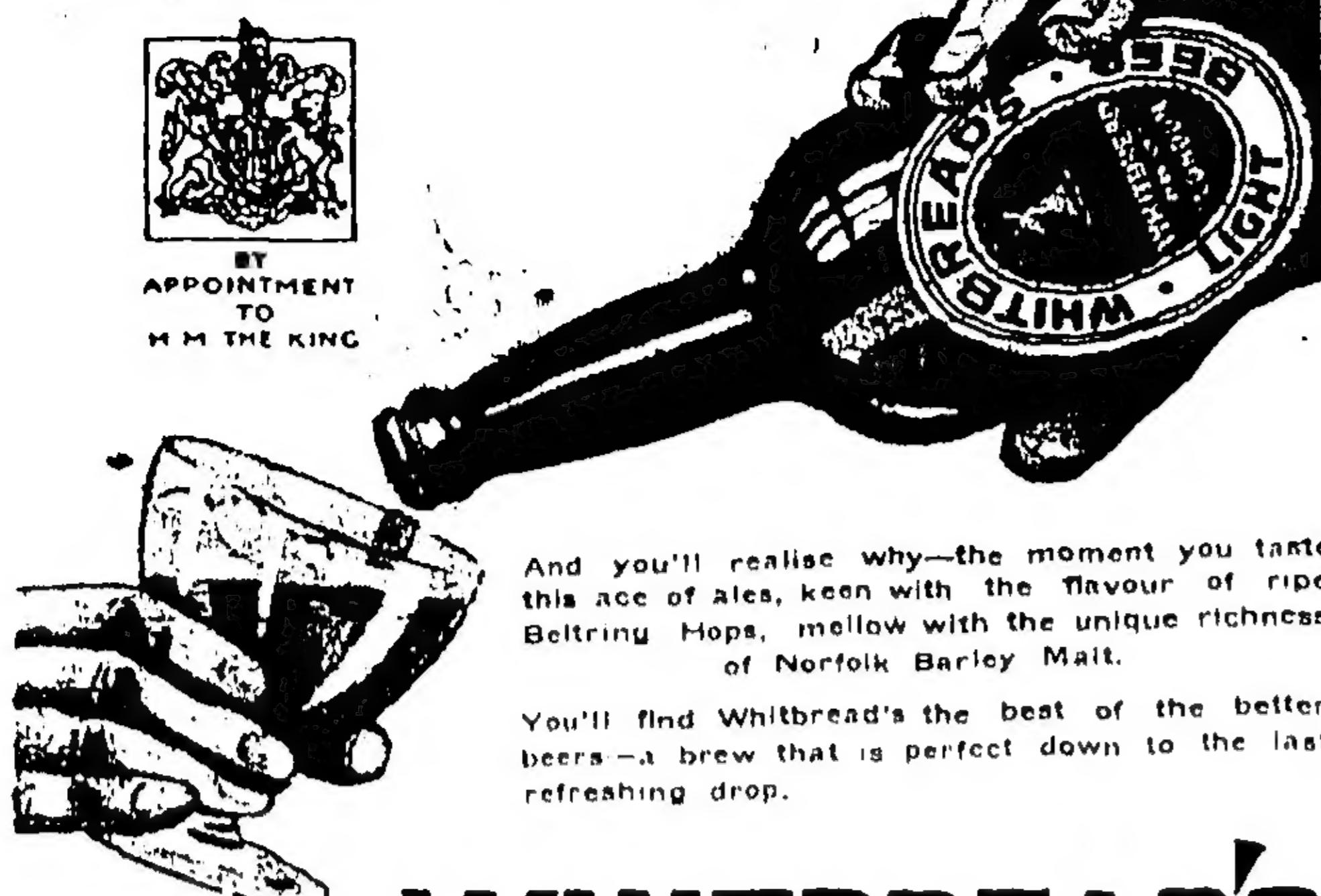
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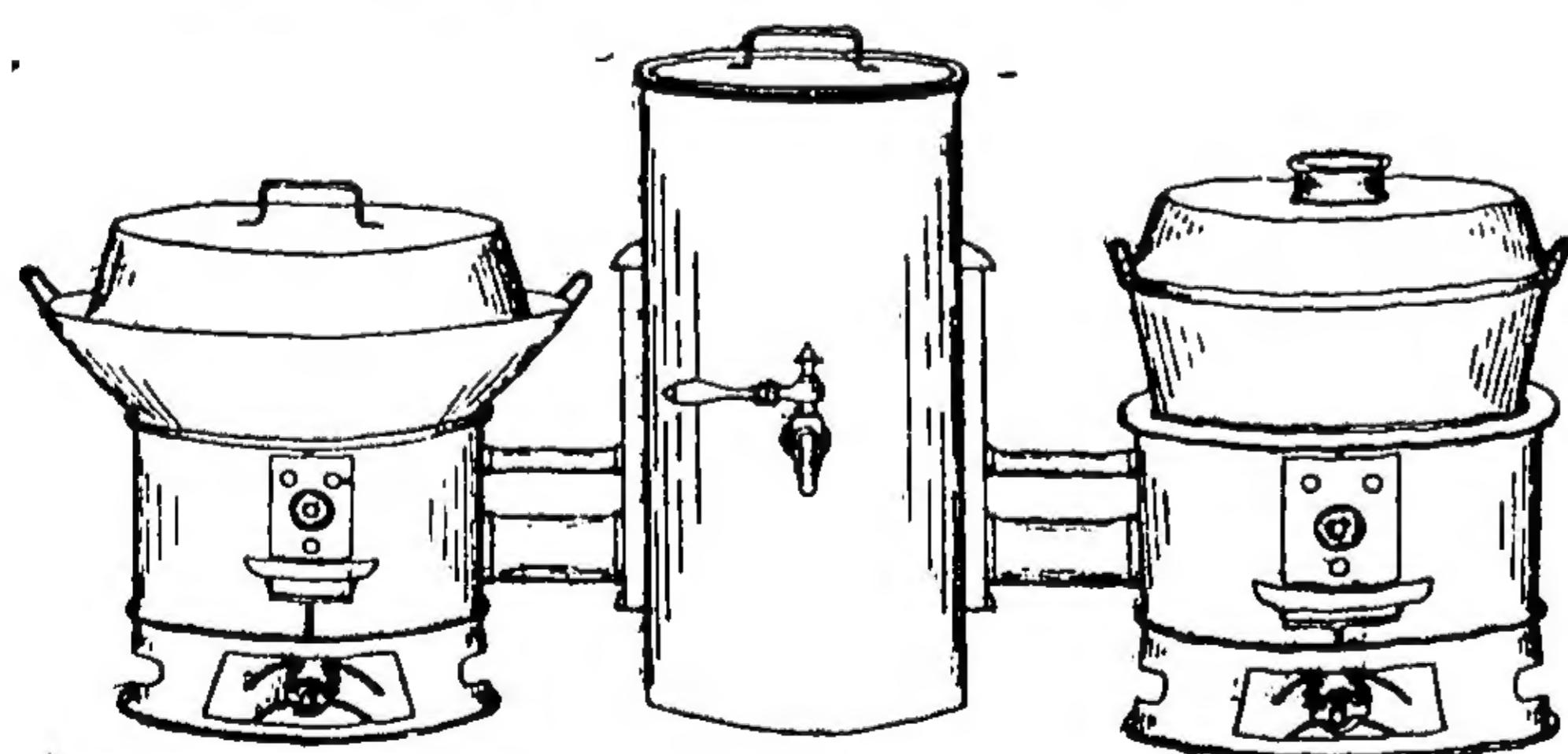


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WOMEN PRAY FOR PEACE IN ROME

(By A Special Correspondent)

NOT FAR FROM the Colosseum in Rome is the old church of San Pietro in Vincoli.— St. Peter in Chains — one of the most famous buildings in Italy. I walked in there the other day expecting to find it deserted, and got the shock of my life.

Gathered around the statue of the Holy Virgin on the right as you go into the church were hundreds of weeping women and old men.

They were widows and other relatives of Italians who fell in Albania. It was not the fact that they were there that shocked me. It was the enormous number of them.

Standing wedged together before the statue, sobbing bitterly, they formed a great dark mass of misery which practically blocked the whole entrance of the church this church which I remember used to be so quiet with so few people in it.

"Yes, they come here in hundreds now to mourn their soldier dead," one of the old officers of the church told me. "We have never seen anything like it before."

"I have never seen so many mourners at one time, not even in the last war. And it is the same in many other churches too."

He said that ecclesiastics he had met from many other parts of Italy had told him of the daily growing groups of mourners, that the number of war widows who came to pray was far and away beyond the number of dead whose names appeared in small type in daily newspapers.

Brutal Facts

The churches of Italy know the brutal facts about the war, know the might of the casualties in Albania, Egypt, and in the brief French campaign—during which many thousands of Italians were killed.

Fascist censorship and the propaganda network brilliantly hushes up bad news in papers and cinemas, but it cannot keep the mourners away from churches.

When the fighting first began in Greece, the Italian papers used to give the names of the dead in big type on front pages. Since then the type has got smaller and smaller. Now the names of many of the fallen do not appear in papers at all.

The system of informing bereaved families privately has been developed, and the groups of weeping women in churches are the only really grim indication in Italy so far that the country is seriously at war, and that this war is hitting the Italian armies hard.

Hiding The Wounded

The Italian authorities are going to extraordinary lengths to hide wounded soldiers. Though they are pouring back from Albania by plane and hospital ship, you never see a trainload of wounded. They are always moved at night under cover of the black-out. Special hospitals and mansions have been confiscated from Jews and set apart for them where they are carefully guarded. Rarely are relatives allowed to visit them. Squads of guards keep the general public at a distance.

Rumours of heavy casualties started by the appearance of so many mourners in churches, were among the causes of a nation-wide grumbling about the war, which was attacked last week by the Italian Press. Before I left the tragic interior of the Church of St. Peter in Chains I went to look at Michelangelo's famous statue of Moses there. It was practically hidden from view by a sort of house made of bricks and cement which had been built round it to protect it in case of bombing.

The statue is supposed to be a symbol of strength controlled by superhuman will power.

Mussolini has ordered lead covering to be put down over all the mosaic flooring of churches and monumental buildings in Rome, so that if these buildings catch fire from incendiary bombs

I know an Italian who listens regularly to B.B.C. bulletins broadcast in English because he made a point of coming to my house and telling me that every detail of the B.B.C. news broadcast regarding the R.A.F. raid on Taranto was true.

He had been down to Taranto, and, because of his official position, had been able to see for himself.

It may seem surprising to you that an Italian should come to my house like that to report the truth of the facts about a disaster to his country. This particular Italian, who is typical of many, has told me frequently that he thinks it would be far better if Britain succeeds in occupying Italy than if Germany wins the war. He says, and I believe him, that there is a large percentage of people in Italy who think this way.

When I refer to the responsibility of those who frame the B.B.C. news bulletins I mean to emphasise that care should be taken in these broadcasts not to make use of loose phrases which, while they may help to give an idea of a raid on Italy to the British public, undermine the confidence that hundreds of thousands of Italians have in B.B.C. news.

After one of the earlier raids on Naples the B.B.C. said in a broadcast that the glare of fires caused by bombs in Naples out-rivalled Vesuvius in eruption—or words to that effect. I did not hear the broadcast, but I repeat the words as given to me.

Several Italians told me that the broadcast gave a very exaggerated impression of what actually happened in Naples. One who was there at the time—he is a Catholic priest—said that five R.A.F. bombs fell slap through the middle of Naples station but failed to explode. They, of course, dislocated the railway line for a time but caused little damage. He said there was very little damage by fire.

In my opinion, as a person who watched Italian reactions carefully, I think the best policy in dealing with broadcasts to Italy would be to give just a simple account of facts about raids, with very little embroidery or supposition. It would help the power of British broadcasts to Italy.

Fascism And The Church

One of the most vital developments in Italy in the past few days is a further serious widening of the gap between Mussolini and the Vatican. Fascists are daily becoming more jealous of the Church's power and grip it has on the masses.

I saw a group of young men walking in front of me down the Vittorio Veneto in Rome the other day stopped briskly by a Fascist official in uniform who pointed to the badges on their laps.

"Remove those at once," he said. They were badges showing that they were members of the Catholic Action organisation, one of the ordinary branches of the Catholic Church which has a very large membership.

The young men hesitated to remove badges, so the Fascist snatched them from two of the youths, shouting: "All young men in Italy who are not in uniform should by special order wear the badges of the Fascist Party."

Catholic officials have made a series of complaints to the Vatican that many young Catholic Action members have been held up like this. The Vatican for the present retains a discreet silence. It wants to avoid unnecessary trouble.

Anti-Musso Drawings

The other day the order went round Italy that all true Fascists should wear shorts instead of long trousers, that shorts were the proper attire for a healthy man, and that they were the means of saving cloth, which is now very scarce in Italy. A few days later big drawings appeared on walls in Rome streets of Mussolini and Ciano in shorts, with very rude remarks printed beneath them.

That is the first time I can recall anti-Mussolini drawings in Rome. They will certainly not be the last.

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WINDSOR HOUSE

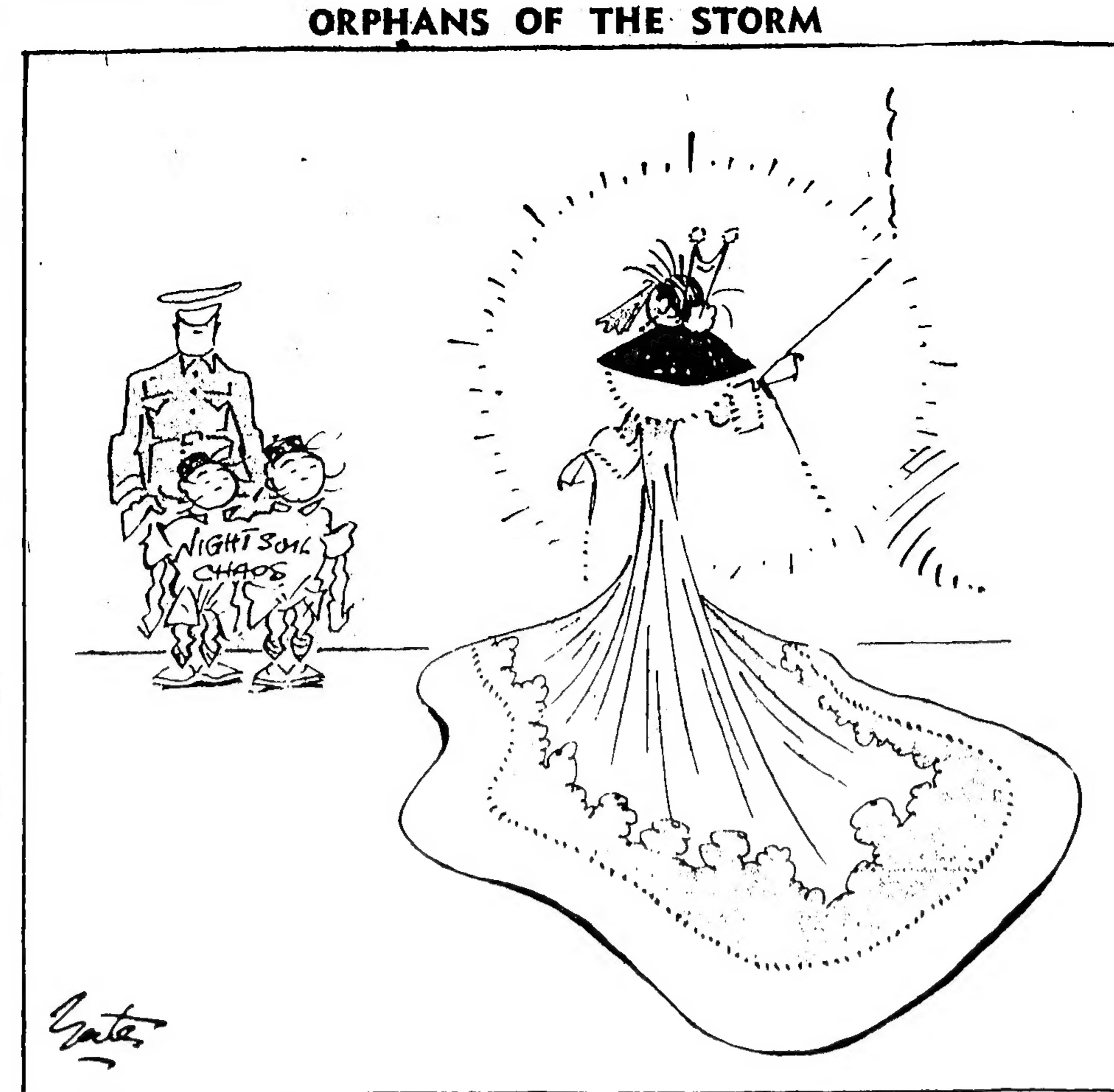
ADMIRAL DARLAN'S DEMANDS

Two telegrams, closely following each other, have recently flashed around the world. One announced that the British Government had rejected the soup-kitchen experiment in Belgium, proposed by Mr. Herbert Hoover, on the ground that "relief for countries in enemy occupation would, whatever the conditions might be, postpone the day of victory". The other telegram stated that Admiral Darlan, the French Premier, in the presence of American correspondents, declared he would use the French fleet to escort food ships to France if Britain continued confiscating supply vessels. He apparently gave the British Government two weeks to think the matter over.

The question of supplying food to occupied countries has been in the minds of many people during the past winter months, but while the situation needs careful investigation, which it is, need less to say, receiving from the British authorities, every precaution has necessarily to be exercised not to allow sentiment to overcome sound judgment. The picture of children, apparently starving, rushing headlong to the wharf waving French and American flags, to meet the American Red Cross supply ship which Britain allowed through the blockade, was somewhat crudely drawn and arouses suspicion that an intensified campaign is about to be made to create an atmosphere in which Britain would appear as the chief offender. Germany's crime in systematically plundering those countries under her domination would, by contrast, be largely forgotten, or at least, would tend to fade into insignificance. In other words, Britain fighting for her very existence, is to be asked to cede advantages to the Germans who, standing aloof and denying all responsibility, are waiting to seize every point misguided persons or cleverly disguised anti-British sympathisers are gaining for her. It is for Britain and Britain alone to judge whether the blockade, which, incidentally, Germany declares ineffective, should be raised for the benefit of those countries which Germany can rob at any moment without hindrance. Anne O'Hara McCormick, the well-known American writer, put the case well when she said: "by our (American) increasing investments and vital concern in its (Britain's) success we are restrained from interfering with measures the British deem necessary to win." Britain is indeed fighting the battle for freedom for the world as well as for herself, and no criticism, no argument should be tolerated or permitted which might force her to deviate even slightly from the course she has adopted.

Admiral Darlan, encouraged by Berlin, adopted an unfortunate tone, while Mr. Hoover, far removed from the responsibilities of an administrative post, is free to indulge in philanthropic works without having to take much cognizance of possible results. Admiral Darlan, in his threat of employing force, agreed with the Germans that the British blockade is ineffective and to prove his statement declared that Germany was able to release two million quintals of foodstuffs from her store of 270 million plundered from France as well as other conquered countries. If this is the case, though the gift was at best a niggardly one, considering the amount of food taken from France by Germany, it would seem that the question of supplies lies between the French Premier and Hitler and not between France and Britain.

Admiral Darlan was, before the fall of France, an ardent advocate of the blockade and cooperated strongly with Britain in the employment of this device. Under different circumstances it is conceivable he has changed his opinion, but it cannot be assumed that the British Government have changed theirs. The blockade is, in fact, a weapon on which the



The Merry Widow: Er—Yes, They're My Children. You see the system is that they look after me in my old age.

We Guard Scapa Flow

A couple of years ago the Orkneys were as peaceful as anywhere on earth, but now, like all Britain, they are strongly fortified, and great guns overlook the cliffs where the fulmar nests; in upland fields, where once the curlew cried alone, you may see the long barrels of anti-aircraft guns; and the darkness, through which the wild duck fly, is lighted now by the vagrant brilliance of the searchlights.

To begin with, the troops here were local Territorials. They were shrewd and capable men, and their northern blood did not much incline them to any emotional display. In the early days of the war I remember watching, with some of them, a German plane, shot in mid-air, come tumbling out of the sky. This has now become a common spectacle over most of Britain, but then it was a novelty and still exciting. When the wounded plane put down its nose and dived to earth, a few of the men beside me raised a little cheer. But quickly—almost immediately—that was stilled. The occasion, they decided, required a more modest congratulation. So instead of cheering, they solemnly clapped their hands. And that, I think, was evidence, not only of a decent restraint, but of a keen sense of propriety.

Now, as well as local Territorials, we have men here from many parts of the United Kingdom. To most of them, born and brought up in busy towns, it was like coming to a foreign land to arrive in these remote islands, and make their home on the edge of a moor, or some desolate foreland where the turf was always wet with sea-spray. They were accustomed, these men from the south, to the warmth and friendliness of crowded streets, to noisy factories, to the corner pub and the cheerful mob of spectators at football games. They had always lived where houses are built in a long row, shoulder to shoulder, and where the street-lamps keep out the dark.

It was a tremendous change for them when they came to Orkney, and felt the wind blowing as it never blows through the streets of a town. Instead of the jostling crowds they were used to, they found a lonely hut and a searchlight three miles from nowhere. They found themselves on the platform of a six-inch gun, with a fulmar petrel, sailing cliff-high, for their nearest neighbour, and the grey-backed sea for their only view. They found themselves going to their work, not in a bus or a train but in a herring-drifter.

British place reliance and any demand that may be put forward based on its "ineffectiveness," is not likely to carry weight.

that rolled and pitched in a conflicting sea. They found themselves sleeping in a tent in the heather, and Saturday night they would spend not in a cinema but patrolling an empty road or watching a deserted beach. And always—or so it seemed—the wind

By
Eric Linklater

blew more fiercely than ever they had thought possible.

A change indeed, a drastic change, but they took it in their stride. Sometimes, of course, they grumbled—a man who doesn't grumble has lost hope, or lost interest in life—and to be truthful, they had cause for grumbling. In coast defence and air-defence you have to be constantly alert and continuously ready to meet an attack that generally doesn't come. And that gets very boring. It becomes so utterly, wearisome that even a change for the worse may be welcome. Nobody likes being bombed, but to survive danger is stimulating, whereas to survive boredom is boring still. A few months ago, I remember, we were heavily attacked one night after a long period of quiescence, and the tonic effect of a little danger was strikingly apparent on the following morning. Everybody was in a cheerful mood, and there was an air of positive gaiety in the camps.

Boredom is one of our worst enemies, but we are conquering it too with many weapons. The Army of to-day is a more sensible institution than it used to be. It has acquired more understanding, more sympathy, more friendliness than once it had. Not only the growth of democracy, but the real soundness of democracy, are conclusively demonstrated in its new way of life. Discipline remains of necessity, and discipline has not been impaired by the growth of democratic spirit. It has only lost a great deal of its harshness. In junior officers especially there is, I think, quite a new sense of responsibility. A good officer has always looked after his men's stomachs, and their feet, but nowadays a good officer—and there are many of them—will remember also their heads, and admit that their brains require a little nourishment as well.

With material nourishment the

men are well provided—not only by the Army. This is farming country, and hospitality is a dominant characteristic of the people of Orkney. Many a time a working-party gets lost and is rediscovered in the kitchen of a neighbouring farmhouse, where Government rations are supplemented by a sizeable meal of tea and scones and boiled eggs. And always, of course, wherever the English go, there are gardens.

But do not think the Army has become a sort of modern Utopia. These are mitigations, and mitigations only, of a strenuous, uncomfortable and disagreeable existence. A cold and dangerous and boring existence—though many have freely chosen it, and with good humour will endure it till the day comes when the untutored Hun has learned again the lesson that war does not pay.

You may recall, perhaps, a story told about Ribbentrop a few years ago. Someone told him that Germany's most regrettable deficiency was a sense of humour. Ribbentrop, indignant, declared that in Germany they had cultivated a sense of humour that in all the world was unequalled for its balance and quick perception and massive proportion.

"There have been times," he said, "when I was at Berchtesgaden with my Fuehrer, and Goering perhaps, or Himmler and Rudolph Hess, and someone has told a funny story. A story so funny that we have all seen the point of it, and rolled upon the ground in the ecstasy of our uncontrollable merriment. Does that not prove our sense of humour?" Perhaps it does, but a humour too excessive, too Wagnerian one might say, for general sympathy. A more promising and engaging sort of humour, I think, is that which our soldiers daily show in their uncongenial life. It comes, essentially, from good humour.

The other day, at a little harbour, I was watching some men unloading the long sections of corrugated iron, of which Nissen huts are built. It was cold as usual, it was raining as usual, and the whole scene was very dreary. But the soldiers, in high spirits, were singing a ridiculous song of which the theme was expressed in the line, "There aren't many pickles on a pound of pickled pork." Now that may or may not be true, but this assuredly is true: that only men who were full of good humour would sing at all in such conditions. And this, I think, is also true: that in their choice of so ridiculous a song, they expressed their conviction that war itself, at this time of day, is a ridiculous occupation. They were engaged in a war from sheer necessity, and their will to victory was not fanatical but a civilised determination.

Therefore we believe that victory will be won for a truly new order in Europe and the world, and that this new order will be based upon what Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Trade Union leader who is British Minister of Labour, has called the ideal of equality in a commonwealth of free peoples.

Here, at last, we have a war aim that sanctions all sacrifices and emboldens our struggle.

Confident England

Three men who know more than the general public can know have warned Great Britain to expect within the next few weeks a determined attempt by Nazi Germany to win the war by breaking British resistance in the British Isles. They are Mr. Cordell Hull, head of the State Department at Washington; Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production; and the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill. Without the special knowledge which these men possess the British people had already reached the same conclusion. They are prepared to endure the strongest effort Hitler can make to crush them, and they are quietly confident.

An unofficial envoy from the United States, Colonel Donovan, who is visiting England for the second time since the war began, declares that when he was last here he found resolution and valour. Now he finds confidence as well. An unofficial envoy from Spain, Senor Del Pozo, who was

sent to England by General Franco last September, then believed that Hitler would win the war quickly. Now he declares in a public statement that sudden victory is impossible for the Axis and that Britain has the means and the determination to wage a long war and to fight to the end for victory.

From what I know of our people and of the situation I think that both these unofficial foreigners judge rightly. But I think this for reasons which neither of them has mentioned. These reasons lie more in the quality of recent events than in the events themselves.

If Hitler had attacked England with all his strength last May after the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkirk he might have crippled this country so severely that its chance of final victory would have been small. Though the greater part of its army had been saved, the 300,000 men miraculously evacuated from Dunkirk had lost their guns, equipment and munitions. Months were needed to reorganise and reequip this army. The British Air Force was relatively weak. Aircraft production was comparatively slow. The British coasts were inadequately defended. But instead of profiting by these circumstances Hitler preferred to move against Paris because he knew that his propaganda and his agents had already undermined French resistance. He may also have believed that French capitulation would be followed by British capitulation.

So he lost valuable weeks while Britain gained them. His great air offensives in August and September were defeated. His preparations to invade England by sea were smashed. Yet in Egypt and the Middle East the British position was precarious. The French surrender had completely upset Franco-British plans for defending North Africa against Italy. When Marshal Graziani's vanguard moved into the Western Egyptian Desert the British forces in Egypt were far inferior to the Italians in numbers and equipment.

We know now from the huge quantities of stores and arms captured how serious was the Italian threat. Italy could supply her forces across the Mediterranean whereas British troops and supplies had to be sent round the Cape of Good Hope. Great risks were successfully taken. In these circumstances the quality of the British victories in Egypt and Libya is even more striking than their immediate political and military effects. Weightier still in its moral and material influence upon the probable course of the war is the decision of President Roosevelt that aid to Great Britain shall henceforth be lent or leased by the United States, not sold for cash or on credit. Of all recent events this is the most significant.

Therefore we believe that victory will be won for a truly new order in Europe and the world, and that this new order will be based upon what Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Trade Union leader who is British Minister of Labour, has called the ideal of equality in a commonwealth of free peoples.

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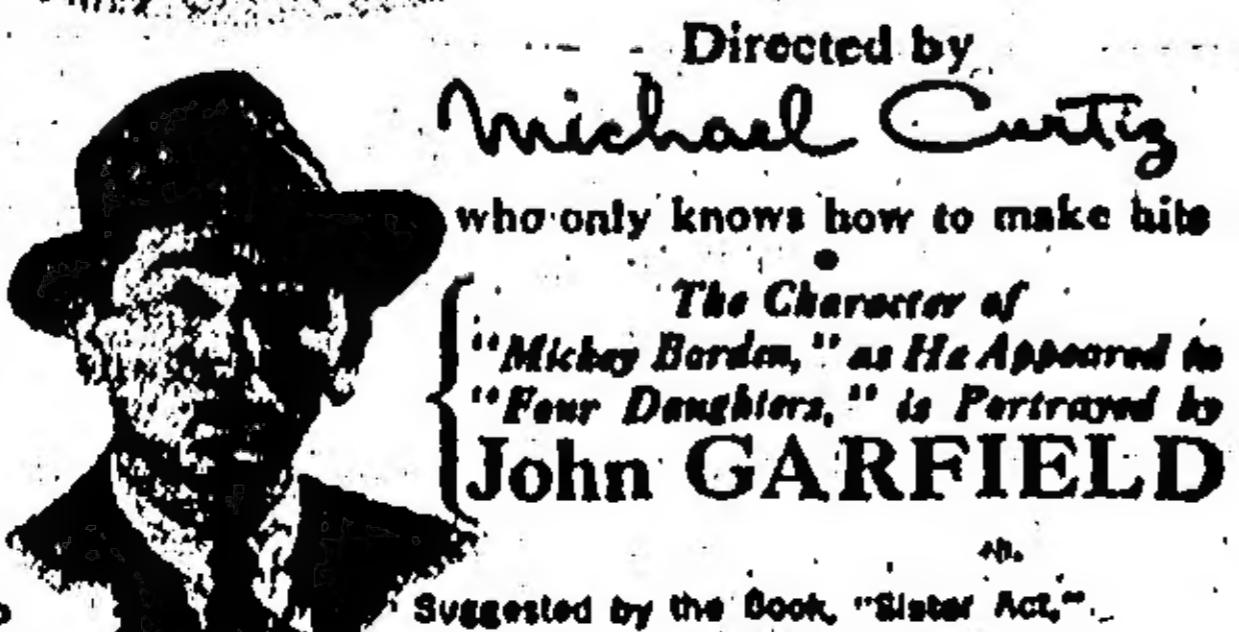
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WOMAN ACCUSED OF SENDING £19,000 TO THE GERMANS

TWO MEN AND A WOMAN were accused at the Old Bailey of having done "great disservice to their country." Sir William Jowitt, Solicitor-General, said of the woman, Miss Doreen Grant Gibbons:

"On the facts in this case you cannot have any doubt that, while her country is at war, she has been entering into all kinds of financial transactions to the benefit of Germans."

Charges of trading with the enemy were brought against Miss Gibbons, whose age was not given, Lou Francis Szilagyi, aged 66, and Thomas Ogle, aged 58.

They pleaded not guilty and entered a similar plea to charges brought against Metal and Electro Chemical Products, Ltd., of which they were stated to be directors.

Opening for the Crown, Sir William said: "With the country at war and fighting for her life we are very anxious to prevent the Germans getting any sort of supplies which we can possibly prevent them getting."

The "Real Brains"

"Quite obviously, in war time, if anybody in this country trades with the enemy, or for the benefit of the enemy, he or she is guilty of being very unpatriotic."

The two men were really in a subservient position, he said. The real brains, the person really responsible, was Miss Gibbons.

There were twelve counts against each defendant and against the company.

It was alleged that the men and the woman had financial dealings for the benefit of the enemy in December, 1939, by transferring assets worth £84,713, in accordance with an agreement between Metal and Electro-Chemical Products, Ltd., and Aktiebolaget (A/B) Nordring, of Stockholm, a firm under enemy control, by contracting with the Stockholm firm to pay £19,396 to A.F.A., Berlin, and by transferring into enemy control three other assets worth £12,500.

On Dotted Line

"If you arrange with a Swedish company to give it assets, provided it will pay a debt which you owe to Germany, in that way you are indirectly paying your debt to Germany instead of paying it to the Custodian of Enemy Property," said Sir William.

"That is the scheme which this lady evolved and the two men obediently signed on the dotted line" because the line was drawn up by her.

"In that way they have endeavoured and succeeded in doing a great disservice to their country."

Sir William said that at the beginning of the war certain dealings took place between the defendant company and the Stockholm companies.

"As a result," he alleged, "the English company, Metal and Electro Chemical Products, was stripped bare of all its foreign interests so that nothing by any chance could pass to the English official custodian."

"The debt which the company owed to A.F.A., Berlin (a sum of £19,000), which should have been paid to the Custodian of Enemy Property, was disposed of in this ingenious way. A/B Nordring was given all the assets and in return arranged to discharge the German debt."

He commented that £19,000 was almost the price of a bomber.

Before evidence was called Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., defending Miss Gibbons, asked for an adjournment to consider a count in the indictment which was altered at short notice before the hearing.

Mr. Justice Asquith said that an adjournment seemed the proper course. Although it was deplorable that the Solicitor-General should be put to the trouble of opening the case again, he would postpone the hearing to next sessions.

The jury was discharged and the two men and the woman released on bail.

STATE DOCUMENTS VANISH FROM CAR

Documents belonging to a Government department, contained in a black leather brief case, are missing from a car in which they were left in the West End, and the police are trying to trace them.

They are understood not to be of great importance.

16-WEIGHED THREE STONE

A boy of sixteen was stated at an inquest to have weighed only 3st.

The boy was George William Sylvester, of Hawks Road, Kingston, Surrey, who, a doctor stated, died of malnutrition.

The coroner expressed the view that the police or other authorities should prosecute the boy's parents.

The parents, William George Sylvester, and Elizabeth Emily Sylvester, said that at Malvern in an attack on what she called the Church's "one-sided morality."

She was opening the second section of the Archbishop of York's conference, which is considering how Christian thought can be shaped to lead post-war reconstruction.

Property Problem

"Suppose," she said, "that during the last century the churches had devoted to sweetening intellectual corruption a quarter of the energy they spent in nosing out fornication, or denounced cheating with a quarter of the vehemence with which they denounced legalised adultery. But one was easy and the other was not."

"The law cares little for sacraments, but it is reluctant to alter marriage laws because such alterations upset the orderly devolution of property. And of fornication it takes little cognizance unless it leads to riots and disturbance."

"It must have been clear to the parents that the boy was suffering from starvation," said the coroner. "I think the parents are just saved from a grave criminal charge by the fact that ten days before the boy died they called in a doctor."

"I think it is still open to the police or other authorities to institute a prosecution for a lesser offence. In my view, this is a case where it ought to be done."

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was recorded.

PARSONS TO LEARN SEX TALKS

MINISTERS WHO have felt bashful about talking intimately about sex to young couples about to be married are to receive help.

Advice on what clergymen should tell young people about marriage relations when the couple call to put up the banns is contained in a pamphlet composed by a panel of thirteen Lancashire clergymen appointed by the Bishop of Blackburn, Dr. Herbert.

The panel was formed to give guidance on "sexual and other moral problems where their help is desired by clergy, by women workers or by other persons."

In the words of a member of the panel, the step was desirable, as "it was ludicrous that so many young couples went to the altar without knowing what marriage meant."

"They went into it blindly," he said. "And there were many ministers who, through ignorance of sex matters or fear of interfering, did not put them on the right lines."

Birth Control

The pamphlet covers the spiritual and sexual aspects of marriage. But if a clergyman has a problem that he does not

feel able to solve, he is asked to place it before the panel.

The pamphlet will be available to clergymen in a few weeks. It goes "frankly into the matter of the number of children" and contraception."

A clergyman told a reporter: "We are not trespassing on the ground of medical men, but approaching the subject from the spiritual point of view."

"Contained in the pamphlet are suggestions which will help us to give the couples advice which will help them to steer clear of difficulties, mainly of the physical kind, which in the past have wrecked many marriages."

"There are, of course, ministers who make a practice of having intimate talks with young couples about to be married, but they seldom go as deeply as they could."

TRAITRESS WIFE JUST AN ORDINARY WOMAN

A NAVY PENSIONER and his dog are sitting by the fire at their home, Osborne Villa and the man is staring in bewilderment at another chair drawn up to the fire.

The wife who should be sitting there is in Holloway Gaol, under sentence of death for betraying her country.

Everybody who knew Mrs Dorothy Pamela O'Grady is deeply amazed at the revelations at Winchester Assizes.

One or two now say they felt there was something about her, but the usual "I guessed it" were silent.

There was she, an ordinary landlady in a furnished apartment villa, aged forty-two and English. No glamour, short, stout, frizzy-haired.

Five people out of six have said: "She seemed so innocent . . . And then . . . Terribly bad luck for her husband. Such a nice man."

The Neighbours Say —

If you listened to Mrs O'Grady's neighbours talking this is what you would hear —

"I always thought of her as the woman who walked by night. She stayed home all day, but after supper would put on her brown coat with the fur collar, her brown felt hat, and set off for a long walk in the darkness with her big black retriever, Rob."

"She adored that animal — often went without a meal herself to cook for Rob."

"She was passionately fond of flowers, too. She could raise blooms in her garden in the poorest soil."

"She called often to visit my invalid mother with daffodils, geraniums, and chrysanthemums she had grown herself."

"Stood very ordinary, didn't she?" Spoke in almost a childish voice, but was a poor conversationalist. I never rated her intelligence high."

"She had few ideas of her own, but there was a kind of mental reserve which gave me the impression of a dual personality."

"She first came here in May 1937. Rented a little cottage at New Road, Lake, after a holiday in the island with her husband."

"She used to have summer holiday visitors, but the cottage was too small, so she moved into Osborne Villa. That was in 1939, a few months before war broke out. Never went to church or chapel, though, did she?"

"They came from Feltham, in Middlesex."

And The Husband —

And Mr. O'Grady in his bewilderment could only say: "Our married life was perfectly happy. She was a splendid wife."

Since the war Mr. O'Grady has worked in the London A.F.S., out every night in the blitz, fire-fighting.

One night a Scotland Yard detective called at the fire brigade mess.

"Can you spare me a moment or two, Mr. O'Grady? It's about your wife." They went outside together.

Mrs. O'Grady, wanted for two minor offences under the Defence Regulations, had disappeared from Osborne Villa, leaving a pencilled note outside the back door: "No more milk till I return."

Later she and her dog were traced to a quiet little apartment house near Totland Bay. She was living there under an assumed name as a visitor.

Mr. O'Grady resigned from the brigade, handed in his uniform, rubber boots and helmet, and came home to see what he could do. "I just can't understand it — the whole thing is a complete mystery to me," he told the police.

Only once, since her arrest has he spoken to his wife — a few words in Ryde Police Station after the magistrates committed her for trial.

She refused to see him in Holloway Gaol, and he was not at Winchester Assizes when Mr. Justice McNaghten put on the black cap and passed sentence of death.

The news was broken gently to

FAMILY "SAW" THEIR END

Edward J. Ford, his wife and his only daughter Joyce, had a quiet family talk in their home at Ridgeway, Cliftonville, Kent, last May.

Calmly they discussed the possibility of all three being killed at the same time. They decided that war made it a probability and framed a joint will "in the event of anything happening which may prove fatal in which all three are killed."

Mr. and Mrs. Ford went to London to spend a single night with their daughter, who worked as a secretary at the War Office during the week.

On that night a bomb killed all three, as well as Miss Kate Burton, one of seven legatees of the will, with whom Miss Ford used to stay during the week.

The joint will has been proved and it reveals that Mr. Ford left £407: Mrs. Ford, £1,544; and Miss Ford, £204.

CATHEDRAL ESCAPES

It was disclosed that Norwich Cathedral narrowly escaped serious damage during a recent raid. A heavy bomb dropped near Nurse Cavel's grave, but, falling in soft earth, it did comparatively slight damage to the cathedral.

Several windows were shattered, and high up in the roof the windows of the triforium were damaged.

HITLER'S JERICHO

Dr. Cisar, a member of the provisional Czechoslovak Government, speaking in London, said that millions in Europe were awaiting the day when the cry "Freedom" would become a mighty blast of trumpets, before which the walls of Hitler's modern Jericho would fall.

3 GHOSTS BLAMED BY A DIVORCEE

"I WANT TO LAY three ghosts which have appeared in this case:

My five marriages and divorces. The fact that I was an actress. And the fact that I am an American.

"I cannot help but feel that these ghosts were there, and, although I do not wish to say that they influenced the Judge, these ghosts have laid their hands surreptitiously and psychologically on the scales of justice."

Mrs. Ada Prentice made that plea when she began in the Court of Sessions, Edinburgh, with the appeal against a decision last year divorcing her from her fifth husband, Thomas Prentice, a Glasgow chartered accountant, whom she married in London in November, 1935.

Since January, 1937, she has

him by Dr. L. Standish O'Grady, a Sandown medical man. The doctor is no relative, but lives in the same road and went along as a good neighbour.

SECRET DIARY STOLEN FROM FLAT

Described Visits To Banned Areas

Miguel Piernavieja Del Pozo, Spanish journalist who has been allowed special facilities to observe conditions in Britain, has lost a large diary in which he kept detailed notes about his visit.

Del Pozo — who was once quoted by a newspaper as saying he thought Germany would win; a statement he withdrew after studying London — says the diary vanished from his wardrobe a few days ago while he was away from his Piccadilly flat.

Whoever took the diary was not interested in a gold cigarette-case and other valuables plainly in view in his flat.

Spanish M.O.I.

Del Pozo represents the National Institute of Political Studies, the Spanish equivalent of the British Ministry of Information. He is also a journalist, and his dispatches on London go back regularly to the Spanish newspaper "Madrid."

"I don't mind who gets hold of my diary," Del Pozo said to a reporter. "It contains nothing that I mind anybody seeing."

"But I wish whoever has it — when they have satisfied themselves on the point — will return it to me, otherwise I shall have to start the whole work over again."

"When I came here two months ago I thought London had been destroyed. It took me only two days to find out my error."

THE HITLER "TICKLE"

"City sneeze" — a new complaint of the throat, caused by dust and fumes from charred debris of London's big fires — has seized hundreds of City workers.

It is similar to hay-fever, and the irritating "tickle" leaves the sufferer with sore and watery eyes.

Eyes and nostrils should be bathed in a weak solution of boracic acid and warm water.

"The dust and fumes cause an irritation of the nasal mucous membrane," a London specialist said.

The Ministry of Health are considering a means of counteracting this new Blitz nuisance.

MASS BORSTAL ESCAPE

A mass escape of boys from the Borstal Institution, Feltham, Middlesex, took place when 17 lads got away in the dark. Their absence was soon noticed, and three were recovered before long.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Foot Ailments Hamper Beauty

If a woman desires true, lasting beauty she will take every necessary precaution to keep her feet free of all ailments. For even so minor an ailment as a sore toe can destroy one's poise, facial symmetry and nerve control.

We are cautioned to carefully examine our feet at least once a week. A good time to do this is when you give them a pedicure. Look between the toes, on the toes, and on the soles of the feet, after you have scrubbed them well with a brush. If you discover a rash, a peeling or a foreign blemish such as a corn, a new callous or other growth, take steps to determine what is causing the new ailment.

One's beauty allowance should not be all spent at a cosmetic counter or in a beauty salon. Some of it should be reserved for occasional visits to a physician, an osteopath and a foot specialist. Beauty depends solely upon good health so the specialists who help you to preserve good health should be visited when necessary.

A Pound Of Cure

Procrastination causes much trouble. A woman might discover something wrong with her foot but she will postpone seeing about it thinking, "It is just something which might go away." But if that "something" was on her face, where everyone could see it, she would hie herself at once to a doctor in alarm.

If you stop to think how handicapped you would be if anything happened to your feet, you would take every precaution to keep them healthy. You would buy hose long enough so your toes would not be cramped. You would wear shoes which permitted your feet the proper freedom and the needed support. You would exercise them occasionally when you took off your shoes, and pedicure them carefully at least once a week. If corns appear they should be treated immediately and perhaps your shoe last changed. If aches are felt in the arches a specialist should be visited. And by no means should you attempt to treat a rash or growth or skin peeling yourself. Too many nerves end at the soles of your feet making it too risky to use guess-work about an ailment. An ounce of prevention you know (which



A careful scrubbing and inspection weekly may prevent harmful foot ailments.

means professional advice) is worth a pound of cure!

Things To Do

Use a very stiff bristled brush to scrub your feet and scrub the soles well once a day. If your feet get very tired and ache bathe them in alternate hot and cold water when you reach home. After a pedicure firmly massage the feet and ankles with a refreshing foot lotion or cream and merely wipe away the surplus be-

fore putting on your hose. Whenever you have a few moments to spare exercise your toes and then your whole foot. Walk around barefoot whenever you can on the beach, smooth lawn or in a room.



Give Men A Chance

Men want to adore women. They want to love and be loved. It is up to women to inspire their adoration by striving to be as lovely as possible both outwardly and in dispositions. It isn't always easy but if you want to attract the love of a man you admire you must learn. And once a man gives you his love make every effort to hold it securely.

job just because you win him. He, if he loves you, will want to love you time on end—it is up to you not to fail him. The battle of the sexes seems to put it up to the woman. It's our challenge and

we should face it.

Meticulous Grooming

There is no denying that men are attracted to women as much by their outward appearance as by their intrinsic lovable characteristics. It was meant to be so, I suppose, and that is why woman is born with personal vanity and a desire to make herself attractive.

Do you keep yourself as attractive in appearance as time and money and circumstances allow?

Are you very meticulous about personal daintiness?

Do you keep your personality current as well as your wardrobe?

Have you striven to become accomplished in one or more things?

Do you radiate a woman's warmth—understanding, sympathy, helpfulness, inspiration?

Are you fun to be with? Or do you let shyness, or sensitiveness, or jealousy or false sophistication hide your light under a bushel?

Have you conquered selfishness and fear? No man can tolerate a woman who is always bowed down with worry or who thinks

of herself first, last and always.

Are you friendly with the group fate has thrown you with? Or do you feel superior and show it?

Do you strive to leash your tongue and refrain from caustic or critical remarks which only hurt others and never help them?

These and other searching questions should be answered by the girl or woman who finds herself nobody's valentine. The whole world cannot be wrong, something must be wrong with them.

Silence may be golden but the gal at a party who sits like a bump on a log will soon learn that self-inflation is an aid to popularity.

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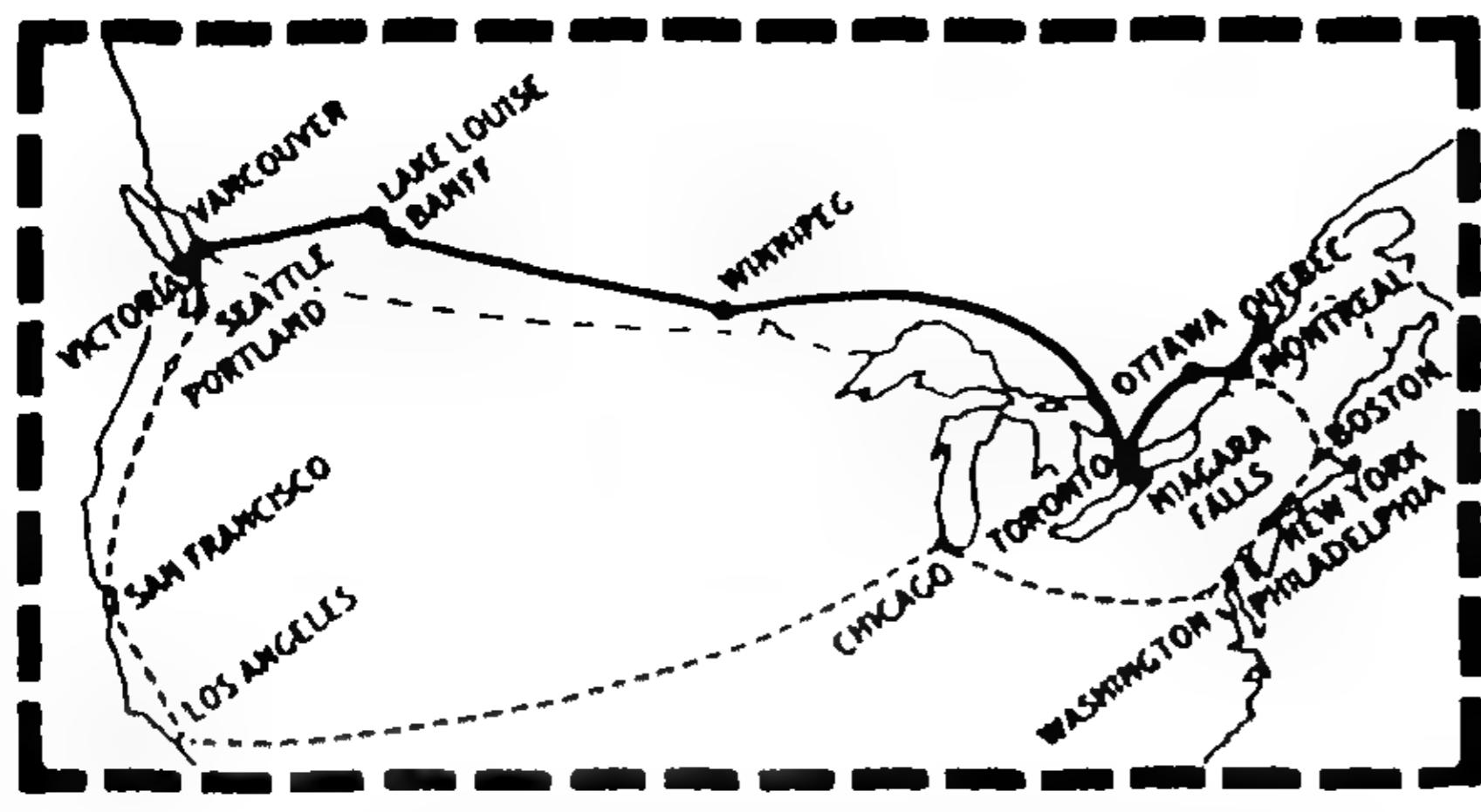
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HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Orders by Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C., Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps:

1. Recruits' Medical Examination
Fri. Mar. 21, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Or-
derly Medical Officer—Lieut. A.
M. Rodrigues.

EFFICIENCY MEDAL

Extract from Government Gazette No. 19 dated 7.3.41.

"No. 284—In accordance with regulation 8 of the Regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters concerning the Efficiency Medal in regard to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, published as Notification No. 579 in the Gazette of 2nd August, 1935, His Excellency the Governor Administering the Government has been pleased to authorise the following award:

Efficiency Medal.

Private William Campbell Tilley 4th March, 1941."

4. PARADES

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

1. INSPECTION

The G.O.C. will inspect Corps Artillery on Murray Parade Ground on Sat. 22.3.41. Batteries will fall in at 2.15 p.m.

A full dress rehearsal parade will take place on Wed. 19.3.41 at 5 p.m.

Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots, web belt.

All Ranks must attend both parades unless exemption has been obtained in writing from Battery Commanders.

II. 1ST. BATTERY

Wed. 19th Mar. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

Sat. 22nd Mar. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

III. 2ND BATTERY

Mon. 17th Mar. St. John's Place 5.30 p.m. All Sections Battery practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection.

Wed. 19th Mar. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

Sat. 22nd Mar. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

IV. 3RD BATTERY

Thurs. 20th Mar. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Specialists as detailed for Aberdeen Dress as usual.

Thurs. 20th Mar. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Remainer of above. Dress as usual.

Fri. 21st Mar. D.E.L. School

5.30 p.m. D.E.L. personnel Engine training. Dress—Overalls.

Wed. 19th Mar. G.O.C.'s Inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

Sat. 22nd Mar. G.O.C.'s Inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

V. 4TH. BATTERY

Tues. 18th Mar. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. All Sections. General Battery drill and instruction. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots, greatcoat (if necessary) and web belt only.

Wed. 19th Mar. G.O.C.'s Inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

Sat. 22nd Mar. G.O.C.'s Inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

VI. 5TH A.A. BATTERY

Thurs. 20th Mar. As for Tues. 18th.

Wed. 19th Mar. G.O.C.'s Inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

Sat. 22nd Mar. G.O.C.'s Inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

(b) FIELD COMPANY

ENGINEERS

Mon. 17th Mar. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Company drill.

Thurs. 20th Mar. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. P.A.D. lecture.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Sun. 18th Mar. H.Q. 9 a.m. Those detailed.

Mon. 17th Mar. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All Groups. Signal training.

Wed. 19th Mar. H.Q. 2 p.m.

(i) Classification groups, special training. (ii) Remainder, signal training as detailed. (iii) Evening parade, reading tests.

Fri. 21st Mar. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) W/T Course for those detailed. (ii) Recruits, signal training. (iii) Remainder, field cable training. (iv) Evening parade, reading tests.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Fri. 14th Mar. Hung Hom. 5.30 p.m. All Platoons. Driving instruction.

Tues. 17th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Plns. 1, 2, 5. V.G. and L.G. instruction. Plns. 4 & 4 Miniature Range. Fire Orders and arms drill.

Wed. 19th Mar. Hung Hom. 8 a.m. All day training. Dress—Battle Order, R.T.R. cap. Vehicle Party 7.30 a.m. No. 1 Pln. and No. 1 Sec. No. 3 Pln.

Fri. 21st Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Plns. 1, 2, & 5. V.G. and L.G. instructions. Plns. 3 and 4 V.G. Mechanism, handling and aiming, Lecture—Elementary principles.

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 17th Mar. No parade.

Tues. 18th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training. All rifles and

S.E.Rs. must be returned on this date.

Fri. 21st Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Tues. 18th Mar. Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Platoon. L.G. instruction.

Wed. 19th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Platoon. L.G. instruction.

Fri. 21st Mar. Company Parade H.K. Residents. H.Q. 7.45 a.m. Kowloon Residents. Kowloon Railway Station. 8.20 a.m. Dress—Battle order.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Mon. 17th Mar. Training as per Company programme.

Thurs. 20th Mar. Training as per Company programme.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Sat. 15th Mar. All rifles, bayo-

nets and S.B.Rs. to be returned to Stores.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Sat. 15th Mar. All rifles, bayonets and S.B.Rs. must be returned before 1 p.m.

Mon. 17th Mar. No parade.

Tues. 18th Mar. No parade.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Fri. 21st Mar. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress as before.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Sat. 15th Mar. All rifles, bayo-

nets and S.B.Rs. to be handed in to Stores.

(l) ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Sun. 16th—Sat. 22nd Mar. Transport and Supplies weekly duties as detailed. Dress as usual.

Tues. 18th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. L.G. Instruction class.

Thurs. 20th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps. L.G. revision (Those detailed). Arms drill revision (Those detailed). Arms drill revision (Those detailed).

Fri. 21st Mar. No. 7 Hut. 7.45 p.m. Company Dinner. Blue patrols or K.D. jacket and trousers. Web belt and S.D. cap.

Sun. 23rd Mar. All day exercise. Detail will be published in next week's orders.

(m) FIELD AMBULANCE

Wed. 19th Mar. H.Q. 9 a.m.—5 p.m. Dress—Jacket, trousers, belt, black boots, S.D. cap. Greatcoat or cardigan optional.

(n) PAY SECTION

Fri. 21st Mar. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Dress—Mufti.

(o) FORTRESS SIGNAL COMPANY

Wed. 19th Mar. Exchange Building. 2.30 p.m. Manning training as detailed.

(p) TRANSFERS

Pte. R. D. Gillespie, from No. 2 Coy., to Unit Res. 8.3.41. Pte. R. Woodcraft, from No. 1 Coy., Res. to Corps H.Q. Res. 13.3.41.

Gnr. G. L. Porter, from 5th A.A. Bty. to Corps H.Q. Res. 13.3.41.

6. STRENGTH-DECREASE

Pte. Fateh Mohamed, Sp. Gd. Coy. 6.3.41.

Pte. E. R. Agabeg, A.S.C. Coy. 19.1.41.

7. STRENGTH-INCREASE

Gnr. J. C. A. Gundesen, 2nd Pte. 6.3.41.

Pte. A. Porter, Corps H.Q. Res. 13.3.41.

8. APPOINTMENTS

L/Cpl. H. J. Wooley, Mob. Coln. to be Pte. date 13.3.41.

Pte. C. Champelovier, Mob. Coln. to be L/Cpl. 13.3.41.

At his own request. E. N. Thursby, Capt. Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

SMITH--THE LIFE SAVER

(By A Special Correspondent)

BELCHING SMOKE from her one funnel, a little grey ship sailed up the river into a West Country port. Down her gangway ran a stockily-built, curly-headed young man bent on one thing only—getting home in time to eat late dinner with his wife.

His name was Smith. He was a Welshman bred in Swansea who went to sea at the age of fifteen. He looked like an every-day young man. But he wasn't.

There were no bands playing, no ships, I carry one small gun for self-defence."

The Captain stopped talking. He had a swift mental vision of his wife waiting patiently at home. He cast one accusing glance at me for detaining him and, for the first time in his life, turned and fled.

HAIR ALMOST COST HER LIFE

It de in her hair nearly cost the life of Irene Atwell, a young factory worker, of Garner Road, Walthamstow, London, E.

Although instructed to wear a tightfitting cap while working at her machine, she failed to do so because she feared her mass of frizzy hair would suffer.

One day last July her hair caught in a revolving shaft above the machine at which she was working, and she was whirled round it and scalped. She was so seriously injured that she was detained in hospital for a long time.

Her employers, the Plessey Company, Ltd., of Vicarage Road, Ilford, were fined £50 at Stratford Police Court for failing to fence the revolving shaft.

Miss Atwell sat in the public gallery to hear the case. She still had her head bandaged, and was wearing a close-fitting Pixie cap which, with the forehead bandage, completely covered her head.

Counsel for the firm said that why the shaft was not fenced was a mystery. No doubt it had been overlooked.

Boy's Pluck

"There was an apprentice of fifteen, J. Vaughan, from another ship. Three of his fingers had been crushed by being fouled in the falls when the boat was launched.

"He could scarcely speak, and at first I thought he was dying. But he swore we should never drop him into the sea, and by the time we landed he was as brisk as ever.

EROS ARRESTED IN PICCADILLY CIRCUS

Meet Eros: He's a black and white rabbit found wandering round Piccadilly Circus in the black-out.

He was arrested for loitering.

Policemen rubbed their eyes when they saw him. Couldn't believe it . . . a rabbit in Piccadilly!

When they had convinced themselves it was true they set out to arrest him.

But Eros — for that's what the R.S.P.C.A. have christened him — gave the law a chase.

Arrested - - -

Round and round the famous statue of Eros he ran, and it was realised that experts would have to be called.

Eventually he was arrested by an R.S.P.C.A. official and, struggling for freedom removed in an animal Black Maria.

His appearance in the middle of the West End remains a mystery.

The "Daily Mirror" has been asked to print an S.O.S. Eros would like to be "bailed out."

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"Jock" Brown Will Pitch For The Victorians

By "Grandstand"

ENTHUSIASTS WILL find it worth their while to troop out to Kowloon Football Club at 9.00 a.m. to-morrow to witness the V. R. C. — Chung Hwa photo-finish play-off for the Lim Jap trophy.

In view of their sparkling display when they broke up the Chung Hwa nine game winning streak to knot the lead in their last encounter, V. R. C. Crusaders are given the edge in the tussle. Sunnyside mentor Gus Noronha reports that his squad has been doing well in their last few workouts, with Mohawk short-stop Pete Fitch in a coaching capacity.

First string finger Sonny "Jock" Brown will start on the slab, with Pitsy Barradas in reserve, whilst Alec "Big Boy" Azedo will be working behind the plate.

Base-guardians will be Manuel Roza, Bimby "Sparky" Ablong, Roy "Ducky" Maxwell and A. V. Ozorio, whilst gardeners will be hard-hitting Ernie Ribero, Cecil "Slim" Quinn, and Lionel Roza Pereira.

Although Chung Hwa is the more experienced squad, they have been considerably weakened by the loss of their star hurler Jay Jau.

Third-sacker will probably be called upon to work on the mound, which will leave the hot-corner wide open.

Infelders will be first-base, Grandpa Leung, Keystoner Al Lau; with Bill Chang guarding the "Windy Alley." Richard Chung, Loney Loong and P. K. Lau will be patrolling the pastures. Kitchell, Kassa Nazarin and Bill Woo have been selected to handle this important tilt.

IMPORTANT SENIOR TUSSLE

By "Grandstand"

Highlight of the Senior League's three game programme will be the St. Joseph's-Indians clash at 1.15 p.m.

Although Ahwo Omar's Indians have been spotted in some quarters as a flag-winner, with their sparkling infield, they have not got the cluster of battering rams that the Collegians can parade, with Dave Leonard, Henry Ali, Ozorio, Stan Leonard and Jindoo Hussain all sitting in the .300 crease.

Some critics base a possible upset, on the fact that the Indians out-played the Saints when they were nosed out in their last encounter, but without the necessary wallop they will start this tussle with the odds against them.

Collegian manager Choppo Omar has not yet decided whether to start Frankie Gonsales or Charlie Manson on the mound.

Although Manson chuck's a faster ball, the chances are that Gonsales will draw the pitching assignment, in view of his experience. Throwing everything in this final game, Ahwo Omar will start his Nazarin-Ismail battery to turn the tables on the Saints for hope of a play-off.

Nip Lum, A. V. Gosano and Bill Woo have been specially chosen to officiate this game.

Immediately after this game, Cyclones take on Chinese Baseballers. Chinese Baseballer Den Crary's 37 strike-outs in six games speaks for itself, and with sufficient support should be able to chalk up a victory.

In the night-cap, Hong Kong Baseballers cross bats with the Canadian Chinese. In spite of the fact that Canucks are doomed to the cellar, they have improved with every showing, and there is a chance that they might make a game of this David and Goliath show.

1st XI v Civil Service (away): —K. Nazarin (Capt.), A. R. Kitell, M. el Arculli, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, M. P. Madar, S. A. Ismail, A. R. Minu, K. M. Rumjahn, A. R. H. Esmail, A. Rahmin.

2nd XI v Recreio (away): —A. H. Ismail (Capt.), H. T. Barma,

A. el Arculli, Jnr. T. Ah, F. A. Curreem, M. B. Hassan, M. A. Wahab, A. M. Rumjahn, M. I. Razack, A. R. Suffiad, A. Ebrahimp.

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SOFTBALL PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW

LADIES' LEAGUE
(At the Kowloon Football Club)
Baby Panthers v Wahoos
(10.15 a.m.)
Umpires: J. Delgado, J. Fonseca and G. Lee.

Wildcats v Canadian Chinese
(11.45 a.m.)
Umpires: Powlowski, Marques and Fonseca.

SENIOR LEAGUE
(At the Kowloon Football Club)

Indians v St. Joseph's
(1.15 p.m.)
Umpires: Nip Lum, A. V. Gosano and Woo.

Cyclones v Chinese Baseballers
(2.30 p.m.)
Umpires: Powlowski, Al Leonard and Kassa Nazarin.

Canadian Chinese v H. K. Baseballers
(3.45 p.m.)
Umpires: Al Leonard, "Cyclone" Bakar and Stan Leonard.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAY-OFF
(At the Kowloon Football Club)

Chung Hwa v V. R. C.
(9.00 a.m.)
Umpires: Kitchell, Nazarin and Woo.

LADIES' GOLF

The one-day Spring Meeting held at Fanling on Tuesday, proved a great success in spite of unfavourable weather conditions and was attended by over 30 ladies.

The following are the results of the competitions held that day.

Bogey Competition, New Course—Mrs. Margaret 5 down.

Bogey Competition (Special Prize) for handicaps of 30 and over Mrs. Helby 2 down.

Approaching and Putting—Mrs. Turnbull and Mrs. Sturgess-Wells (11).

Putting Pool—Mrs. Cassidy (19).

The sum of \$600.00 was collected for War Charities as the result of a raffle.

At the conclusion of the competitions the Captain (Mrs. F. A. Mackintosh) presented the prizes and in an address to the gathering reviewed the season's activities.

3 HOCKEY MATCHES

Weather permitting, three friendly hockey matches will be played this afternoon at King's Park.

Central British Association Ladies will entertain Hong Kong Ladies at 3.30 p.m., while both Y.M.C.A. teams will be seen in action on their own ground.

Y.M.C.A. will be represented by the following players:

1st XI v Khalas (4.15 p.m.):—Benwell; Taylor, Yourlef; Jordan, Coombes, Waldron; Spencelayh, Morgan, Hillcock, Ure, Dunne.

2nd XI v "A" Navy XI (3 p.m.):—Cleggett; Rallton, Saxy; Shultz, Tomlinson, Gorman; Macy, Olsen, Damer, Fancey, Banks.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Three badminton Championship matches were played at Club de Recreio last night, and following were the results:

SENIOR SINGLES
C. Au beat H. C. Eardley, 15—5, 17—16.

JUNIOR DOUBLES
R. M. Lavalle and N. A. Beltran beat M. Talan and H. Odell, 15—10, 3—15, 15—17.

SENIOR DOUBLES
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang beat E. Kwok and D. Kwok, 3—15, 15—8, 15—3.

DECISIVE LADIES' GAME TO-MORROW

By "Grandstand"

THE DRAWING CARD at the Kowloon Football Club Ground to-morrow will be the Wildcats-Canadian Chinese tussle at 11.45 a.m. bringing the ladies loop to a whirlwind finish. After having been postponed on several occasions, these two teams are rarin' to go all out against each other, and there, to settle the pennant dispute, and a long-standing feud.

Although solving Canuckette fire-ball hulter Mary Ng's fast shots will be the main problem of the untamed felines, they are not far behind in pitching strength, with Thelma Collaco on the hill for them.

Collaco has pitched a pair of no-hitters this season, and it will be some time before this record will be equalled in this circuit.

The Walloping Wildcats' infield line-up will include Doris Mar, at first; Irene Pereira, at second; Gloria Mar, at the hot-corner, and Lily Mar plugging up the short-stop gap. Gardeners will be Mary Mar, Virginia Chu and Dolly "Lefty" Brown.

Maple Leaf coach, Bill Woo, will probably field Rene Yuen, Ulian Khco, Alice Mar and Vivian Louie in the infield positions, in a last bid for the flag.

Arbitrators for this game will be Powlowski, Marques and Fonseca.

Panthers To Extend Wahoos

At 10.15 a.m. Baby Panthers tangle with Wahoos in what promises to be another keenly contested game. Although the green-shirted Owls are assured of third slot in the Final League standings, their strongest possible line-up will be fielded in their last game.

Therese Noronha will again toe the rubber with Jackie Anderson behind the batter.

Pantherette coach, Gus Noronha, assures his fans that he will give Wahoos a run for their money, and will start Lelia Xavier on the hill with Theresa Marques receiving.

TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Two Rugby games will be played at Boundary Street this afternoon between Combined Services and Combined Police and Club.

The first game starts at 3.15 p.m.

Following are the Services teams:

XV—Morahan (Navy); McGill (Navy), Wilson (Navy), Giblin (Army) and Macdonald (Army); Keeble (Army) and Bowden (Navy); Winter (Navy), Deidentfield (Army), Palmer (Navy), Stockham (R.A.F.), Evans (Army) and Flynn (Navy); Eddison (Army) and Page (Army).

1st XV—Fairclough (Army); Richards (Army), Paul (Navy), Hook (Army) and Marsh (Army); Carter (Navy) and Morgan (Army); Bompas (Army), Hewitt (Army), Sutherland (Army), Millar (Army), King (Navy), Pinkerton (Army), Berry (Army) and Gilliam (Army).

Reserves—Easterbrook, Sutcliffe, Dobbins, Clark, Maedermatt, Turner and Cook (Army); Danger, Dobson, Ingalls and Hughes (Navy).

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ARMY SPOTLIGHT

ARMY BUILDING ATHLETICS
TEAM TO MEET CHINESEPreparations In
Hand For Tennis

By "Squaddy"

In the Garrison Snooker League the Medical Corps still lead by two points with only three more games to be played. The Royal Engineer Sergeants have won more games but have not won so many frames.

Highest break of this competition so far has been made by Pte. Whybrow, of the Medical Corps, who scored 28 against Sgt. Chalcraft of the Pay Corps in their match on Monday, which resulted in a win for the former player's side by five points to one.

FOOTBALL

At Caroline Hill on Wednesday, Army played Navy in the second match of the Kotewall Cup series. The result was a goalless draw.

The Army side did not play up to expectations and in all probability there will be a few changes in them forward-line for the next match against South China.

If in the next match, Army beat South China, they will secure the Kotewall Cup with three points against the Chinese two, but if they draw South China win the trophy.

Royal Corps of Signals took the lead in the Third Division on Wednesday by beating 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A., by 2-1 at Sookunpoo, and if they continue to play as at present they should be able to finish on top. They have four more matches to play and Air Force have five, with one game in hand.

In the next round of the Junior Shield R.A.S.C. have been drawn against Navy, who are at the present finding great difficulty in fielding a side. The Service Corps should have no worries over this match, although things do happen!

It will be a fine achievement for a military side to retain this shield once more; last year it was won by the 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A., who were knocked-out by the Signals earlier in the competition.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

BOTH matches due to be played in the Large Units Rugby League at Sookunpoo on Tuesday were cancelled owing to inclement weather, and will be played next Tuesday.

To-morrow at Boundary Street the Combined Services will play the Combined Police and Club, kick-off 3.15 p.m.

TENNIS

AT the annual tennis meeting of the Army Tennis Committee it was decided that the Committee for this season should consist of a senior officer, two members from the Large Units and three from the Small Units.

This year an additional competition will be held, this being the Army Singles Tournament open to all ranks of the Garrison.

The other two tournaments, the Other Ranks Singles Tournament and the Other Ranks Doubles Tournament, will be held as before.

In the Command Small Units' Tennis League there is a slight alteration as from last year.

The No. 1 pair will play the No. 1 pair of the opposing side, the No. 2 pair will play the No. 2 pair of the opposing side, and the No. 3 pair will play the No. 3 pair of the opposing side.

This should greatly improve the standard of play and give players more opportunities.

MARATHON RACE

THIS year the annual Kowloon Marathon Race will be held on Friday, March 21 at 5 p.m., starting from St. Andrew's Church, Nathan Road.

The course extends over a distance of about 6½ miles and the race is open to all ranks of the Garrison.

The entrance fee is One Dollar and as many Service Men as possible entered would make it very interesting.

Entries for this race close on Tuesday, March 18, 1941, and

WEEK-END
SOCCER
PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week-end:

To-day

FIRST DIVISION

Royal Scots v. Kowloon (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v. Navy (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
Club v. Eastern (Club, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v. Club (Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)
South China v. Royal Scots (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
Kit Chee v. Middlesex (Club, 3.00 p.m.)
Engineers v. 30th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)
Navy v. Sing Tao (Navy ground, 3.00 p.m.)
Ordnance v. Police (Caroline Hill, 3.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Air Force v. 20th R.A. (Chatham Road, 3.00 p.m.)
35th R.A. v. 24th R.A. (Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)
7th R.A. v. Engineers (Military, 4.30 p.m.)
R.A.M.C. v. 36th R.A. (Military, 3.00 p.m.)
International v. 12th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)
A.S.A. v. Shell (Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)

To-morrow

GOVERNOR'S CUP
Hong Kong Football Association v. Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation. (Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)

TO-MORROW'S
SOCCER TEAMS

Following are the soccer teams for to-morrow's Governor's Cup game:

H.K.F.A. — Bankier (Royal Scots); Roughtley (Navy) and Fraser (Royal Scots) (Capt.); Freshwater (Middlesex), Bright (Middlesex) and Thomas (Mid-

FELLER'S HUGE
SALARY TOPPED

YOUR VOLUBLE pal, Louie "Buck" Newsom, who pitches baseball for the Detroit Tigers, now seems to have the authority for his biggest boast of all, and Buck has to keep silent, writes a correspondent from Detroit, U.S.A.

SOCCER
SEASON
NEARS END

By "Referee"

The First Division soccer programme is fast drawing to an end and this afternoon several postponed games will be played, while to-morrow at Causeway Bay the second game of the Governor's Cup competition will be decided.

Both St. Joseph's and Eastern will complete their fixtures, and while Eastern is not expected to be extended at all by Club, a good game should be witnessed between Navy and St. Joseph's, two of the teams remaining in the Senior Shield competition.

Both teams will be at full strength in preparation for next week's Shield game and in spite of the recent improvement of St. Joseph's, they are expected to be fully extended by Navy.

In Second Division, Engineers meet 36th R.A. and should win as the latter have lost the services of Guy and Flanders, who are now playing for St. Joseph's.

The best game in Third Division should be between Air Force and 20th Royal Artillery.

Reserves: Fowler (Club), Le Page (Navy), Howlett (Police), Ferrier (Police) and Riertsen (Club).

Reserves: —Lapsley (Kowloon), Blackburn (Police), Pope (Police), Barber (Navy), Hossack (Royal Scots), Sheehan (Middlesex) and Hendy (Navy).

Team Manager: —Captain R. E. Guest, H.K.C.A.A.F.—Lee Kwock-kee (Kwong Wah); Ng Kee-cheung (Eastern) and Tsang Chung-wan (S. China); Lo Wal-kuen (Eastern), Hsu King-shing (Eastern) and Lau Hing-chol (S. China); Hsu Ching-te (Eastern), Lau Chung-sang (S. China), Hsu Man-ful (Eastern), Cheung Kam-hoi (Eastern) and Tao Chow-ting (Eastern).

Reserves: —Chow Man-chi (S. China), Chan Tak-fai (S. China), Lau Hin-hon (Eastern), Chung Yung-sum (Eastern), Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah) and Lee Wal-lam (R.E.).

Reliable sources disclosed to-day that Newsom not Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians—has become the highest paid twirler in the game's history at a salary in excess of \$30,000. Buck will draw pay checks for that tidy sum for the 1941 season.

In keeping with an unwritten law of the Tigers that salaries are never mentioned publicly, the doughty Newsom won't say a word. It was established, however, that Buck will draw a fairer salary than that to be paid Feller, whom the Indians signed recently for a reported \$30,000.

Winner of 13 straight games and a World Series star, Newsom in 1940 enjoyed his finest season in a long career in the big leagues. He won 21 and lost five during the regular season and, in pitching 264 innings, was surpassed only by Feller, John Rigney of the White Sox and Dutch Leonard of Washington.

Owner Walter O. Briggs of the Tigers, reputed to be baseball's highest paying club owner, has let it be known that he pays off "on performance." Some irony therefore creeps into the Tiger situation.

With Newsom given a boost, Hank Greenberg likely to retain his reported \$36,000, and rewards to others due for the 1940 championship, the Tiger salary index apparently is on the up-trend. Greenberg, however, may be in the Army. Draft board officers said he would receive his questionnaire very shortly.

Pay goes up, but the Tigers, say the experts, are going down. The winter season's forecasters don't give them much chance for repeating as titlists. For the Tigers are getting further along in years.

Barred from trading with other American League clubs, the champions at this date plan to go along in 1941 with virtually the personnel of 1940. Rookies will be at hand, but in no great number.

ATHLETIC MEETINGS

Three athletic sports meetings, weather permitting, will be held this afternoon, by Hong Kong University, St. Stephen's and Queen's Colleges.

The undergraduates' meeting will be at Pokfulam, St. Stephen's at Stanley and Queen's at Causeway Bay, all commencing at 2 p.m.

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CHINESE FIGHTERS IN ACTION

At least four Japanese bombers were shot down in an aerial battle over Chengtu when 48 Japanese bombers, in groups of 12, entered Szechuan yesterday morning.

The Japanese planes took off from a base in Shansi and crossed the Szechuan border at about 10 a.m. When they approached Chengtu, Chinese fighters immediately took off to engage the raiders.

In a severe aerial battle the Chinese defenders shot down at least four Japanese, the Chinese air force states, while it is believed several others were badly damaged and unable to return to their base.

Shortly afterwards a second group of 36 Japanese bombers entered Szechuan from Shansi, also heading for Chengtu. One Japanese bomber was shot down.

Japanese aircraft, taking off from Hankow on Thursday, bombed Putung, western Hupeh, near the Szechuan border.

Although the alarm was sounded yesterday in Chungking no raiders appeared in the vicinity. The alarm lasted from 10.20 a.m. to 2.10 p.m. Reuter.

SIX DOWND

Thirty-one Japanese aircraft, flying from their bases in west Hupeh, yesterday raided Szechuan. Intercepted and engaged in combat by Chinese planes, four

"After the outbreak of war I expressed confidence that in the coming struggle I could count on sympathy and support from every quarter of the Indian Continent in the face of the common danger," declared the King in a message to India, made public in New Delhi yesterday.

"This confidence has been fully justified, for throughout 18 hard months the help of the Princes and people of India has been generous and unfailing.

"The loyalty of the Indian Princes has never been more openly displayed while from the provinces and states a constant invaluable stream of men, money and material has flowed to swell the Empire's war resources.

"Moreover, while the Indian fighting services are upholding in many scattered theatres of war the military traditions for which India is justly famed, her people are giving freely to relieve suffering and distress.

"I thank the Princes and people of India from my heart for their noble response and their kind sympathy.

Same Ideals

"I know that the ideals for which we are fighting are as deeply cherished in India as all over the British Commonwealth, and I

of the raiders were shot down over Chengtu, while two others were downed over Wanhsien. The rest of the raiders hurriedly flew back east after being chased by Chinese pursuits. - Central News.

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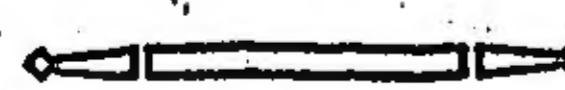
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STOP PRESS

Owing to the bad state of the track, today's First Extra Race meeting has been postponed.

A new Bill providing for increases in estate duties is Gazzeted.

This Bill, when passed, will add as a Fourth Schedule to the principal Estate Duty Ordinance a new Schedule of Estate Duty Rates payable on the estates of persons dying on or after the 1st day of April, 1941.

The present rates, payable on the estates of persons dying on or after the 1st day of July, 1936, are given in section 4 of Ordinance No. 26 of 1936, and of those who died before that date in the First and Second Schedules to Ordinance No. 3 of 1932. Those rates will not be changed in respect of any deaths before the 1st April, 1941.

It will be seen by comparison between the Schedule in Clause 3 of this Bill and the Schedule in section 4 of Ordinance No. 26 of 1936, that where the principal value of the Estate does not exceed \$300,000 there is to be no increase of duty, but then the duty rises by stages of one per cent. until a duty of 27 per cent. is payable on estates not exceeding \$4,000,000; it thereafter by three per cent. stages until a duty of 31 per cent. is payable on estates not exceeding \$5,000,000; and therefore by three per cent. stages until 52 per cent. will be the rate for estates exceeding \$30,000,000. The present maximum is 20 per cent. on estates exceeding \$20,000,000.

The reason for the increases is the necessity of finding revenue to meet increasing expenditure.

The suspension of two Chinese publications is announced in the "Gazette." They are the Yan Sang Po and the Tung Wai Magazine.

An Order published in the "Gazette" this morning fixes the maximum prices at which firewood may be sold, as follows:

Wholesale: In billets or logs of all kinds of 18 catties and more in weight: for each billet or log — 55 catties per \$1.00.

In billets or logs of all kinds under 18 catties in weight: for each billet or log — 48 catties per \$1.00.

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